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## ENGINELESS GLIDERS USED IN CRETE FORAY

### DOCTRINE OF FUTURE EUROPE

"The doctrine of the future Europe consisting of five or six federated blocs working together, and working in such a way that no one bloc would ever be in a position to achieve hegemony in Europe, was very well received in America and was found to be highly reassuring."

General Sikorsky, the Polish Premier who has recently returned to Britain from the United States, made this statement yesterday.

General Sikorsky discussed with President Roosevelt this plan to ensure a peaceful and prosperous Europe, and General Sikorsky says America is deeply interested in after the war reconstruction of Europe.

He also told a reporter "All official matters which I went over to Canada have been satisfactorily settled."

"In Canada we have signed several agreements of a military as well as a financial character, as a result of which, within a month or two, military camps will be in being in Canada."—Reuter.

### U.S. BOMBERS IN SERVICE IN N. AFRICA

AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURED IN THE U.S. HAVE BEEN USED AS BOMBERS IN THE NORTH AFRICAN CAMPAIGN FOR THE FIRST TIME.

They participated in the air bombardment of enemy positions round Fort Capuzzo on the afternoon of May 18, it was revealed by the Air Ministry news service yesterday.

Heavy bombs were dropped on German tanks and mechanised vehicles dispersed near the old Capuzzo aerodrome.

The squadron in question has an American citizen on its nominal roll. He is a sergeant air gunner, who received the D.F.M. for gallantry in the Abyssinian campaign.—Reuter.

### GERMAN GROUND STAFF AT ALEPPO

Aleppo airport, in Syria, is occupied by a German ground staff, and all the 20 or more Syrian airports are available for German use, says the Ankara correspondent of the Columbia Broadcasting System, quoted by Reuter.

### ROOSEVELT STATEMENT OF "SOME GRAVITY"

President Roosevelt is expected to make a statement "of some gravity" to the nation this week, says Reuter from Washington.

### NO SPECIAL MESSAGE

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DOES NOT EXPECT TO SEND ANY SPECIAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

He announced this at his press conference yesterday, thus disappointing upwards of 100 journalists present. They had jammed the President's office for what was expected to be a momentous conference, in expectation of an indication from the President of "a big decision."—Reuter.

### FALLUJAH CAPTURE IMPORTANT

The great strategic value of the Iraqi town of Fallujah, captured by the British from the rebels, is stressed in Cairo military circles.

Fallujah Bridge is the only crossing of the Euphrates between Habbaniyah and Baghdad.

Had this narrow, one-way traffic bridge been destroyed—and it is thought that the rebels had mined it—Habbaniyah would have been cut off from British land-borne reinforcements, and since the Euphrates is in full flood, would have caused considerable embarrassment to British operations in this area.—Reuter.

### CONFIRMED AS GOVERNOR OF MALTA

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR WILLIAM GEORGE SHEDDEN DOBBIE, KNOWN AS THE "MODERN GORDON" OWING TO HIS RELIGIOUS FERVOUR, HAS THE COLONIAL OFFICE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, BEEN APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF MALTA.

Sir William has been administering the Government of Malta since he assumed command of

## Nazis Face Tough Proposition

THE GERMAN ATTACK ON CRETE, WHICH BEGAN JUST BEFORE DAWN YESTERDAY MORNING AND WHICH WAS PREFACED ON MONDAY BY A HEAVY AIR BOMBARDMENT, HAD BEEN EXPECTED, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF MAJOR-GENERAL FREYBERG, V.C., AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, TOGETHER WITH REINFORCEMENT OF THE DEFENCES AND MANPOWER, WERE INDICATIONS OF ALLIED PREPAREDNESS.

Crete is a considerable menace to the enemy because of its proximity to the mainland, but its capture will prove extremely difficult.

Lacking sea power, Germany must rely on air-borne troops, lacking landing grounds—the island is very mountainous—Germany must rely on parachute troops.

Use of engineless gliders, which can land more easily on uneven ground, was a surprise move, but the defenders were not caught unawares.

The British and Allied forces are assisted in the island's defence by the warlike Cretan hillmen, whose womenfolk even are accustomed to the constant necessity of fighting to protect their homes.

Led by "The captains of the Hills," such as Captain Holy George, who had killed 10 men when he was still only nine years old, and the thrack-bearded giant Captain Tan, the hillmen are banded together armed chiefly with knives and swords.

THEY CONSTITUTE A FORMIDABLE "HOME GUARD" AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, AND CAN BE RELIED UPON TO DEAL WITH ANY NAZI PARACHUTISTS UNFORTUNATE ENOUGH TO FALL INTO THEIR HANDS. — REUTER.

### Great Emotion

The Rome correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten," writing of the Duke of Aosta, says: "The capitulation has caused great sorrow and profound emotion" in Rome.

Rome had hoped that the Duke's prolonged resistance would have prevented the British withdrawing troops for use in Libya.

However, according to the "National Zeitung," Berlin circles say the Duke's capitulation is unimportant because the main part of the British forces in Abyssinia had withdrawn long ago and sent to Libya and Iraq. — Reuter.

the troops in April, 1940, with the exception of a short period in May, 1940, immediately before General Sir Charles Bonham-Carter left the colony. — Reuter.

### GERMAN ATTACK SMASHED

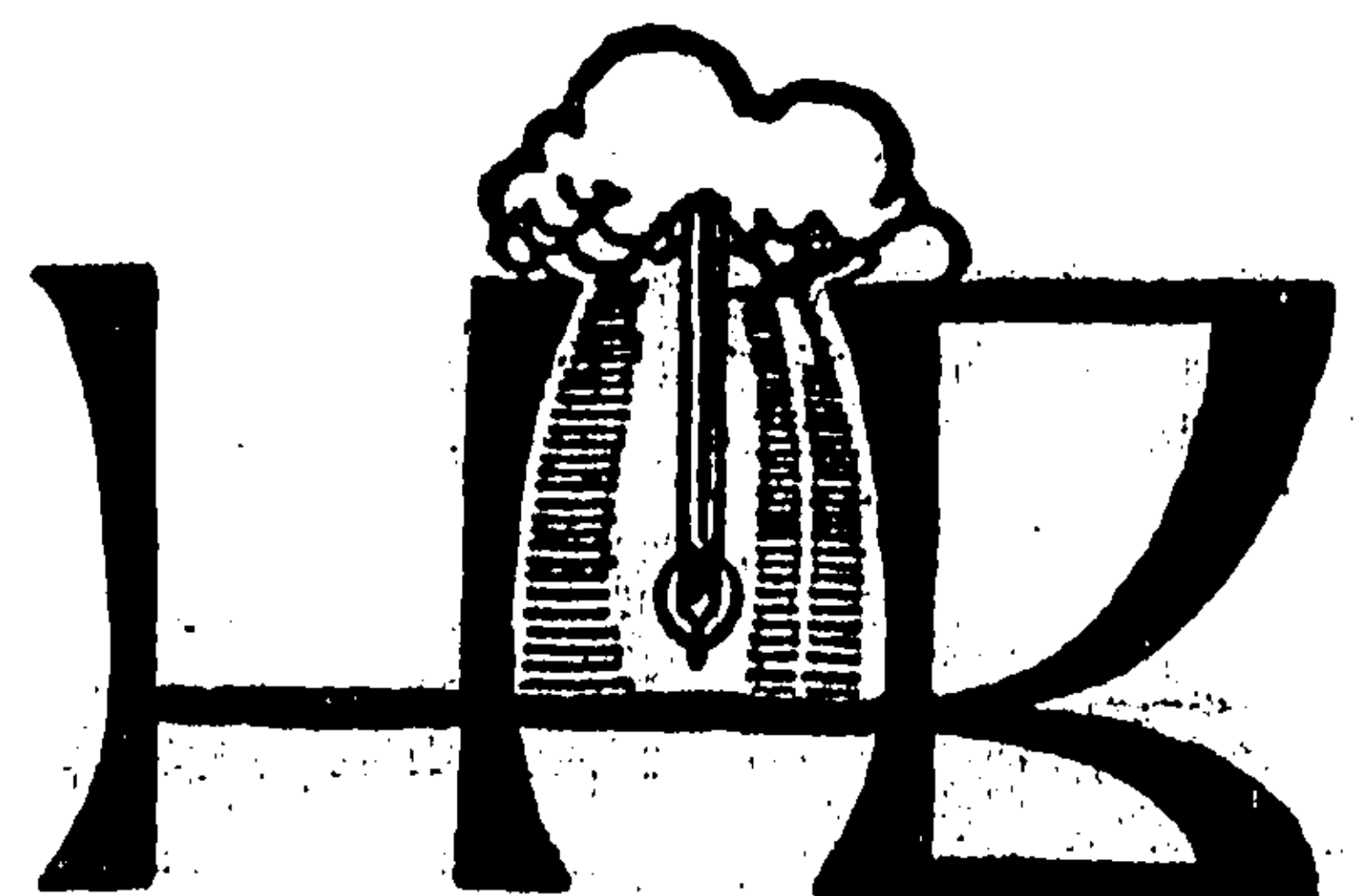
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
The fall of Italy's last big stronghold in East Africa, Amba Alagi, was followed by the announcement in Cairo that a new attempt by two German-Italian armoured columns to invade Egypt was smashed.

British Imperial mechanised troops and low-swooping R.A.F. and South African bombers hammered the Axis columns back into Libya. — International News Service.

### LOSS OF "CAMITO"

The sinking of the Royal Naval Auxiliary vessel "Camito" was announced by the Admiralty in London yesterday, says Reuter.

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# CRETE SITUATION NOW IN HAND

## Premier Makes Unexpected Statement In House

### Colourful Detail Of Cut And Thrust At Sollum

**THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, MADE ANOTHER SURPRISE STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, DISCLOSING DRAMATIC NEWS THAT THE SITUATION IN CRETE IS NOW IN HAND.**

He recalled that he had, earlier in the day, mentioned the beginning of a serious attack upon Crete, and thought the House would like to know, before it separated, what was the latest Government information.

Mr. Churchill said: "I cannot pretend that this statement is of momentous importance. It is only because we are altogether and I thought the House was most anxious I should keep them fully informed.

"After a good deal of intense bombing of Suda Bay and various aerodromes in the neighbourhood, about 1,500 enemy troops, wearing New Zealand battle dress, (indignant cries) landed by gliders, parachutes and troop-carriers in the Canea-Malemi area.

"This message was sent at noon to-day and the military reported the situation was in hand.

"A LATER REPORT, AT 3 P.M., SAYS THERE IS CONTINUOUS RECONNAISSANCE ACCOMPANIED BY SPORADIC BOMBING AND MACHINE GUNNING, CHIEFLY AGAINST THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCES.

"The military hospital between Canea and Malemi, which was captured by the enemy, has now been recaptured.

#### One Party Left

"A fairly strong enemy party is reported south of the Canea-Malemi road, which is not yet mopped up, but other parties are thought to be accounted for.

"I thought people would like to hear how the action so far has developed." (Cheers).

Earlier, Mr. Churchill, referring to the South African troops in Abyssinia, said they had been ordered by General Smuts to go forward, and now, as this theatre is closing down, they are to move northwards to the Mediterranean. (Cheers).

"Also two British and Indian divisions gained laurels in the fighting at Kassala, and all the way from Kassala to Keren and up to the final events.

"These Indian divisions consist of six Indian battalions and three British battalions. Their ardour and faithful endurance of hardship has won the high regard of their British comrades.

Sometimes we have seen cases where not a single British officer remained and a battalion conducted itself in a most effective manner.

"Any account of this campaign reflects very high honour upon the soldiers of India of all castes and creeds engaged.

#### Sollum Action

"The second event which has occurred since we were last here is the remarkably well sustained action at Sollum.

"This is of interest because it was fought exclusively between British and German troops.

"IT HAS NOT, I SUPPOSE, BEEN FOUND WORTH WHILE TO MAINTAIN ITALIAN TROOPS AT THE END OF SUCH A LONG AND PRECARIOUS LINE OF COMMUNICATION. (LAUGHTER).

"The fighting was severe but not on a very large scale.

"Several of our motorised brigades, supported by armoured brigades and strong artillery, advanced 30 miles from the position where they have been deployed for some weeks past and attacked the enemy—taking Sollum, Hell Fire Pass and Fort Capuzzo—and armoured troops had got well

round the flank and were well in the situation at about 1 p.m. on May 17.

#### Resolute Counter-Attack

"But the Germans launched a resolute counter-attack with about 40 tanks and recaptured Capuzzo.

"That entailed the withdrawal of the armoured brigades from the advantageous position which it had attained. The operations were, therefore, indecisive.

"The Germans claim 100 British prisoners. We have 500 German prisoners, and their losses in tanks and personnel are certainly as heavy, if not heavier, than ours.

"But this operation must be regarded as a background. For over six weeks past the Germans have been proclaiming they would shortly be in Suez and have been making much credit with the neutral world by spreading such a statement.

"It is therefore satisfactory to see that we have retained strong offensive power and that fighting is being maintained, at any rate, on even terms in the advanced areas of approach to Egypt." (Cheers).

### AIRMEN FAMILY TRAGEDY

Announcement yesterday that Flying-Officer Henry Francis Dempster Breese is missing, marks a triple family tragedy of the war.

His father, Air Vice-Marshal C. D. Breese, was killed on active service as result of a flying accident, it was announced in March.

His elder brother, Flight-Lt. J. C. Breese, is a prisoner of war in Germany.—Reuter.

### CLEANING UP DESK FOR MR. MENZIES

THE AUSTRALIAN WAR CABINET HAS CLEARED UP OUTSTANDING BUSINESS IN PREPARATION FOR THE RETURN OF THE PREMIER, MR. MENZIES, FROM NORTH AMERICA AT THE WEEK-END.

Mr. Menzies will broadcast a message to the nation immediately on arrival.

Mr. Fadden, Acting Premier, will hand over to Mr. Menzies officially on May 20.—Reuter.

### KILLED ON LEAVE: NO PENSION

If a soldier is killed in Britain during his "off" hours, his dependants are not entitled to a pension. If he is serving abroad his dependants get the pension, as service abroad implies continuous duty.

Sir Walter Womersley, Minister of Pensions, confessed this glaring anomaly of military law in the House of Commons when replying to Mr. Beverley Baxter (Cons., Wood Green).

Mr. Baxter quoted the case of a former constituent who was killed in the black-out while returning from leave.

"This man's widow was refused a pension," said Mr. Baxter, "yet he was performing his duty and returning on time to the camp."

"Sir Walter Womersley is a humane Minister," Mr. Baxter added, "but his decisions are not always wise."

Sir Walter, in reply, said this question of "on and off duty" had caused some considerable difficulty.

If a man serving in the last war was killed abroad, a pension was granted whatever the cause. He was supposed to be on duty all the time.

The granting of a pension in the circumstances cited would be against King's Regulations.

Mr. Baxter interposed to point out that this country had become the battlefield.

Sir Walter added that he was giving very careful consideration to this "on and off" duty regulation and was working with a view to improving the position of those who claimed.

Captain Margesson, Secretary of State for War, told the House that free travelling warrants granted to soldiers when their homes had been damaged by enemy action were to be granted to officers below field rank.

### STOLE "TO GIVE FATHER A SHOCK"

"I heard mother say that it would do father good to have a good shock. Well, I tried all ways but never succeeded, so I committed this crime. The crime I shall never regret as it gave my father a shock."

Charles George Ballard, aged seventeen, of Tunbridge Wells, said that in a written statement to the Tunbridge Wells magistrates.

He was accused of stealing £14 2s. 10d. from a Government office where he was employed as a messenger. He was remanded for a week for a medical examination in custody.

### RELIEF TO COST U.S. LESS

President Roosevelt has asked Congress for an \$880,000,000 relief appropriation for the year beginning July 1. This amount is \$100,000,000 below the estimate in the budget, says Reuter from Washington.

### "U.S. ABOUT TO TAKE A DECISIVE STEP"

The Polish Premier, General Sikorski, who has just returned to England from the United States, said yesterday "The United States is about to take a decisive step." — Reuter.

### WOMEN DON'T TIP AS GENEROUSLY AS MEN

Women don't tip as liberally as men, Judge Gordon Alehin, at Edmonton, North London, County Court, was told by a Wood Green hairdresser, sued for arrears of rent, who pleaded that his income had dropped and tips averaged only 5s. a week.

The Judge: I suppose most of your best customers were young men who have joined the Army? Yes, sir, and I am a ladies' hairdresser now.

### LOYALTY OF THE REAL IRAQ

"Well established information reaching me makes me certain that the people of Iraq and the majority of army officers repudiate and condemn this subversive movement," the Regent, Emir Abdullah, told Reuter somewhere in the Middle East.

"They maintain the highest loyalty to the constitution of Iraq and to the Treaty of Alliance concluded by the late King Feisal with Britain.

"It is probable that the people of Iraq will assert this feeling."

The Emir added that the Iraq coup d'etat was carried out by "a handful of individuals working in the interests of foreign powers." — Reuter.

Rafael Trujillo, Dictator of the Dominican Republic, arrived in Nassau from New York yesterday.

He is to meet the Governor, the Duke of Windsor, and the Duchess, at Government House. — Reuter.

## CHANCE OF NAZI SUCCESS VERY SLENDER

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

**THE GERMAN ATTEMPT to establish a foothold in Crete by parachutists and air-borne troops, is unquestionably a most daring and hazardous move. The chances of success are slender.**

It can be regarded as a big gamble but is probably intended as a full-dress rehearsal for other invasion plans against Britain.

As far as it is possible to guess the German plans from the meagre data available, they will probably try to seize the coastal strip, so that blockade-runners can be rushed across from Greek waters while British warships are kept off by heavy air attacks.

Parachutists may also try to seize aerodromes and may attempt to sow panic among the population by indiscriminate shooting.

The Cretans have always been among the best Greek soldiers and it is most unlikely the Germans will find Fifth Columnists among them.

Although no figures are available for the strength of the British, New Zealand and Greek forces in Crete, there is no reason to doubt they would be more than a match for any air-borne troops whose numbers necessarily are limited.

#### Guerilla War

The R.A.F. can be relied on to take severe toll of the heavy Junkers planes, and the Royal Navy, with an anchorage in Suda Bay, should be in a position to maintain a pretty effective blockade against any approach from the Greek coast or the Dodecanese.

Parachutists, who are able to carry ammunition and iron rations for several days, may be able to institute some form of guerilla warfare, but the odds against the invaders are heavy.—Reuter.

### LOSSES IN SHANSI BATTLES

WHILE ADMITTING THAT A CHINESE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, GENERAL WANG CHUN, WAS KILLED IN ACTION IN THE CHUNTIAOSHAN BATTLE, IN SOUTHERN SHANSI, THE CHINESE MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN CHUNGKING DENIED THE JAPANESE ALLEGATION THAT TWO CHINESE ARMY CORPS COMMANDERS AND A DIVISIONAL COMMANDER WERE KILLED AND ONE DEPUTY DIVISIONAL COMMANDER TAKEN PRISONER.

"With the fighting at Chuntiaoshan on such a large scale," the spokesman said, "there are bound to be heavy casualties on both sides."

"After a fortnight of desperate fighting, in which the Japanese suffered heavy casualties, the situation is now developing in the Chinese favour."—Reuter.



# Mr. Churchill Declines To Be Drawn On Subject Of Hess



The sinking of the submarine "Thetis" in June, 1939, was a world sensation. Now she has emerged as the victorious H.M. Submarine "Thunderbolt." Her sinking of an escorted Italian submarine was her most brilliant achievement, recently announced. Photo shows some of the crew of the "Thunderbolt." In centre is Lieutenant J. Stevens. (Copyright, Fox).

## MEANING OF THE DEFECTION OF HERR HESS

**HOWEVER MAGNIFICENT his military machine, Hitler can hold his success only if he satisfies his own people, says the "Seattle Post-Intelligencer."**

Whatever the primary cause of Hess's disaffection, one element very near the cornerstone of the Nazi edifice has crumbled. If that breach can widen, the whole unsound structure may collapse.

## ULSTER TO CONSCRIPT FOR WAR

Conscription is to be imposed in Northern Ireland and Government's decision to do so will be announced shortly by the Premier, Mr. Andrews.

Northern Ireland was omitted from the Statute of the Conscription Act imposed in Britain in 1939, on account of a strong representation made to Government by Mr. de Valera, the Eire Premier, who stated that if imposed it would lead to strong opposition from the nationalist minority in Northern Ireland.

The position has changed since then with the bombing of Belfast, in which homes of all parties were bombed alike and assistance was given from Eire by their fire and ambulance services.

It does not look, therefore, as if there will be any great stirring of minority public opinion in Northern Ireland when the decision is announced.—Reuter.

This would benefit the German people, who cannot hope for peace or for a healthy national development while their frenzied leadership, with each victory, looks for new worlds to conquer.

Henri Bernstein, in a letter to the "New York Times," says that when Marshal Petain orders the French people to follow him along the path of honour, he is actually suggesting they follow him down his road to treason.

"WHAT HE INTENDS OUR COUNTRY TO DO IS PLACE ITSELF IN COMPLETE DEPENDENCE ON ITS MORTAL ENEMY, GERMANY."

"England kept her promise to us. She has done more than that."

"In the hour of defeat, in the hour when we left her alone in the field of battle, she revealed herself to be a most generous friend. No word of reproach fell from the lips of her statesmen."—Reuter.

## GOOD USE FOR A BOMB

An out-size bomb, lying on its side at the foot of the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral, is sufficiently out of the ordinary to attract the attention of the least curious.

The missile which has lain in this position recently is one of the Nazis' master efforts; it weighs 1,000 kilograms, or one ton. Fortunately for the neighbourhood of the City where it was dropped it

## FRENCH PILOTS IN SYRIA DESERT

The Cairo correspondent of the Independent French Agency says a certain number of French planes have been flown over the Syrian frontier by their pilots to join General de Gaulle.—Reuter.

## AUSTRALIA'S TEXTILE PRODUCTION

Australia's textile production for war purposes was outlined by Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Premier, yesterday.

He said that as a result of the Delhi Conference last year Australia was asked to supply very large quantities of equipment for other parts of the Empire which were partly met from accumulated stocks but, with large orders now to fulfil from Delhi, the most intensive effort on the part of industries and some sacrifice on the part of the community would be necessary.

With recent overseas orders, work already allocated plus local requirements for the next nine months, would throw an enormous strain on the spinning, weaving, knitting, woollen and associated industries, also the boot industry. Total value of recent orders approximated £7,000,000 while those under immediate discussion were estimated at another £4,000,000.—Reuter.

failed to explode; after the fuse had been removed it was dug up and laid at the foot of St. Paul's, with a label round its neck indicating that it may be used as a receptacle for contributions to the Spitfire Fund.

Coins can be dropped into the cavity from which the fuse has been removed.

## NAUSEATING RHAPSODIES IN PRESS

**MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL REFUSED TO BE DRAWN ON THE SUBJECT OF RUDOLF HESS WHEN QUESTIONERS BOMBARDED HIM IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.**

Major Vyvyan Adams asked whether it had been established whether Hess's visit was planned with the German Government's connivance.

The Prime Minister replied: "I am not yet in a position to make a statement on this subject, and I am not at all sure when I shall be."

### Nazi Efforts

The German propagandists are still trying to explain away the Hess incident, says the diplomatic correspondent of "The Times."

The whole affair is now closed, they announced at the week-end, after a week in which they had declared with equal fervour that Hess was mad, that he was perfectly sane, that he knew nothing of importance, that the British would torture him into revealing vital German secrets, that he had been lured across the North Sea into a cunning British trap, that he was an idealist who freely undertook a dangerous mission for the sake of the fatherland, that he was Hitler's successor and that he was not Hitler's successor.—Reuter.

### Delicate Appetite

Mr. Robert Tylor (Labour) complained of press descriptions of "this man's very delicate appetite and the means taken to satisfy it."

Mr. Tylor added: "Our people believe there are many people in concentration camps who had just as delicate appetites, and they are not satisfied in this case."

The Prime Minister: "Yes, certainly, but as far as I am at present advised, he is being treated as a prisoner of war and will

### RUBBER QUOTA

The International Rubber Regulation Committee yesterday fixed the quota for the third quarter at 100 per cent. This is unchanged from the previous quota.—Reuter.



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# ROOSEVELT OFFER TO SHIP FOOD TO IRELAND

**PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT announced an offer to ship food to Ireland, and also the creation of a structure of civilian defence in the United States, in the course of his press conference yesterday.**

The President said the United States had offered to sell or charter two ships to Ireland and supply \$500,000 worth of food for the Irish civilian population.

The ships are to be manned by Irish crews and the purchase of food will be financed from a special Red Cross relief appropriation of \$50,000,000 \$500,000 being additional to any purchase made by Ireland herself.

President Roosevelt indicated no armaments would be available for sale to Ireland, following the United States' general rule to supply munitions only to active belligerents.

Ships for Ireland would be placed under the Irish flag. They would probably carry much more than \$500,000 worth of food because Eire intends to make purchases on her own account.

Concerning the civil defence plan, President Roosevelt announced he had established by executive order an Office of Civilian Defence, which would be headed by Mayor LaGuardia of New York.

## Two Divisions

The President divided the new defence agency into two general divisions, one being the Board of Civilian Protection, with Mayor LaGuardia as chairman and including also representatives of the Departments of War, Justice and Navy.

The Board will advise and assist in the formulation of civilian defence measures and will attempt to provide "adequate protection of life and property" in the event of an emergency. The second division will include a "Volunteer Participation Committee," with representatives of various regions and interests of the nation.

Mr. LaGuardia would be unpaid and would remain Mayor of New York. — Reuter.

## MAY LEND WILLIE A SUIT NOW

Willie, evacuated to U.S.A. or Canada, may now have a new suit or overcoat sent to him by Mum and Dad at home. Mary may get a frock and little Ted a parcel of books or toys.

That is the effect of an announcement which states that English currency may now be used to buy clothing and some other articles to be sent to child evacuees in North America.

Normally, goods may be sent to the U.S., Canada, and Newfoundland only if paid for in American dollars, but this rule is now relaxed in the case of evacuees.

All children, including those evacuated privately, to whom parcels are sent must be registered with the Children's Overseas Reception Board.

The total value of parcels sent during a year must not exceed £10 for any one child. Clothing, books, and toys (but not cameras or watches) may be sent.

## CONVERSATION PIECE

Mrs. Daisy Warner, of Cleveland, U.S., Museum of Art, asserts that the hieroglyphics at the bottom of the museum's 2600 B.C. Egyptian bas relief say: "Nice weather we're having." — Associated Press.

## A WINGED LEMON

Many of our aircraft contributing to British victories in the Middle East are decorated with "crests" and motifs unknown to the College of Arms. One of the most elaborate decorates the side of a big bomber which has been actively engaged in the destruction of enemy aerodromes and troop concentrations in the Western Desert.

The central emblem of the crest is a winged lemon, surmounted by a cheese on a laurel wreath. Below is a female figure, having to the left a feather and a haggis, and to the right an ant and two pyramid-shaped hills.

The key to the significance of these various emblems lies in the names of the members of the crew.

## FOOD CACHES AGAINST RISK OF INVASION

As part of the preparations against risk of invasion the Food Ministry has already appointed in certain parts of the country voluntary food organisers to look after local food supplies should the committees in which they live be isolated by the enemy. Over 500 volunteers have already been appointed. — Reuter.

## CYCLED ALL NIGHT TO DO DUTY

Because he thought it his duty to attend a meeting of East Suffolk County Council Councillor C. W. Whatmough, who is nearly sixty, followed up a hard day's work by cycling all through the night from Chiswick, Middlesex, to Ipswich.

He has been evacuated from an East Coast town, and his non-attendance at the council meeting might have meant the loss of his position as a councillor.

# IT CAN (AND DOES) HAPPEN IN ENGLAND

**FOOD AND DIETICIAN experts recently set a standard of living costs in which they stated the lowest income to provide the "human needs" was 66s. for a family of five and 48s. 6d. for a family of three. Many people doubted if it was possible to live on this figure.**

Not only is it possible, but in Liverpool there are families living below what the experts fixed as a poverty line or bare subsistence level—40s. 9d. for a family of five and 29s. for a family of three.

Widows with two children are existing on a weekly income of 26s. 4½d. or 2s. 7½d. below the poverty line, while others are living only a shilling or two above this level.

The average income in Liverpool of a working man with a wife and three children under six years of age is computed to be 70s. to 75s. a week.

How they manage is a problem revealed by experienced investigators in a report issued by the Social Science Department of Liverpool University on the cost of living of representative working-class families.

It is asserted that in spite of the busy hum of munitions machinery there are still a number who fail to keep pace with life.

Cases are quoted of families of five who, have on'y 22s. a week to spend on food, 6s. 6d. on rent and rates, 2s. on clothing, 1s. 4d. on cleaning, 1s. 9d. on light, 4s. 6d. on fuel, and 6s.

11d. on necessary sundries. Some widows have only 11s. 3d. a week for food for themselves and their two children. Harassed housewives and husbands dissatisfied with war-time menus may like to know what they live on.

There is neither fresh milk nor fruit, very little tea, and most of the substantial meals are of stew.

The family budget for seven days is 1½lb. of stewing meat at 1s. 9d.; lamb's head 6d.; bones, 5d.; margarine, 7½d.; tin of milk, 5d.; sugar, 7½d.; jam, 11½d.; breakfast on's, 1s. 5½d.; half a pound of barley, 3d.; bread, 2s. 4d.; potatoes, 1s. 9d.; and cabbage and carrots one penny each.

Doubt has been expressed as to whether this standard of living bears any relation to real life, and whether any family could exist on the diet, but the report gives assurances that many are unfortunately obliged to live at no higher level for weeks on end.

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## MUTT AND JEFF

By RUD FISHER



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A SORTING CLERK alleged to have stolen a postal packet containing nearly £2,000 in notes, was said, at Kingston-on-Thames Police Court to have lost £1,000 at roulette.

The man, Frank William Rich and Crudass (29), was sent for trial, charged with stealing the postal packet from New Malden Post Office, where he was employed.

Mr. F. M. Bevan, prosecuting, said that Crudass disappeared from the office, and subsequently the packet was missed. The contents included £1,500 in £1 notes, £250 in 10s. notes, and £200 in £5 notes.

## PAWNED A SUIT

Crudass gave himself up to the police on January 24. He made a confession which indicated that he had spent the money on riotous living.

In an alleged confession, said Mr. Bevan, Crudass said that he met a man to whom he sold the £5 notes, worth £200, for 75 £1 notes. Afterwards, Crudass went with a girl to a club where he lost nearly £1,000 in a night—gambling at roulette.

He spent the remainder of the money in travelling and having a good time. When he spent all the money, he had to pawn a suit, was "fed up" and surrendered.

## ALL-POLISH NEWSPAPER

Every day a newspaper in Polish is circulated among officers and men of the Polish Air Force serving with the R.A.F.

This unique news sheet is produced entirely by Polish personnel at the Royal Air Force Polish Depot. Doing spare time work for the newspaper are several Polish journalists now in the Polish Air Force.

A feature is made, whenever possible, of news from Poland. The paper, which is produced on a duplicating machine, is freely illustrated with decorative headings and sketches by Polish artists.

The Polish depot has its own translation and printing department. Here technical books and instructions relating to flying are translated from English into Polish and printed for the use of the Poles, together with all Air Ministry orders which have any application to allied air cooperation and service.

## THE SHAPE OF AIRCRAFT

From the other side of the world, at the other end of the scale of aviation activity, come details of America's new civil aircraft of landplane type, designed for trans-Atlantic flying at great heights. Pressure cabins, special power units, new fuels, heating and soundproofing are some of the ideas which these new aircraft will make use of.

These separate items of news are a common pointer to coming developments in the air—the quest for greater operating height.

Aircraft development in the last war, when flying was still a young science, was spectacular. New types were evolved with great rapidity, so that ascendancy in the air passed from one side to the other as advances in design were made. Now that the science of aeronautics has reached a far higher stage progress in design is less fundamental. Advances are less spectacular; changes are achieved rather by small improvements here and there—the whole culminating in a few extra miles per hour, a few dozen miles increase in range or a little greater load capacity. Nevertheless the development towards ever increasing height at present shows signs of comparatively rapid progress.

From the military point of view the advantage of greater height perhaps accrues principally to the bomber. If it could fly beyond the range of ground observation and out of the reach of the ground defences—that is, anti-aircraft gunfire and barrage balloons—a high flying bomber would have greatly increased chances of escape.

Britain has already developed a number of new types, both fighters and bombers, with which increased operating heights will be attained. Such new aircraft as the Spitfire III, the "hotted up" Hurricane, the new-type fighters Tornado and Whirlwind, and the Stirling bomber are all in this category. And British scientists and medical experts have long been at work on the human problems of flying at height.

As the vital struggle for air supremacy intensifies the search for yet greater operational height, British designers may be relied on to produce yet further developments in aircraft and engines and British scientists and medical men the necessary aids for high flying crews.

## LUCKY AGAIN!

Three pigs in an East Midlands village were called by their owner Hitler, Goering and Goebbels. One Saturday night the village had an air raid. One bomb fell on the farmhouse.

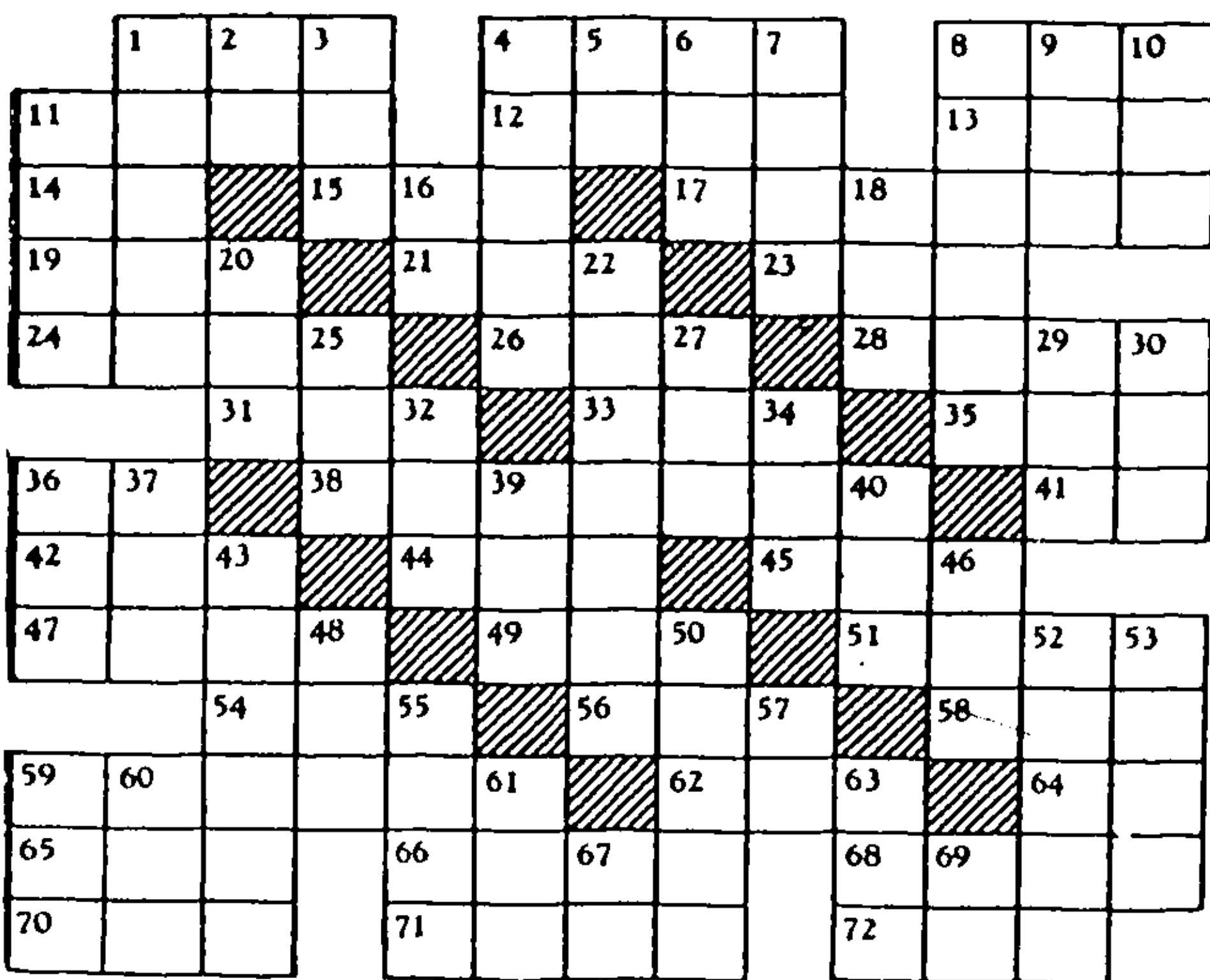
The pigsty collapsed all round Hitler, Goering and Goebbels. But all three snorted their way out of the wreckage safe and sound.

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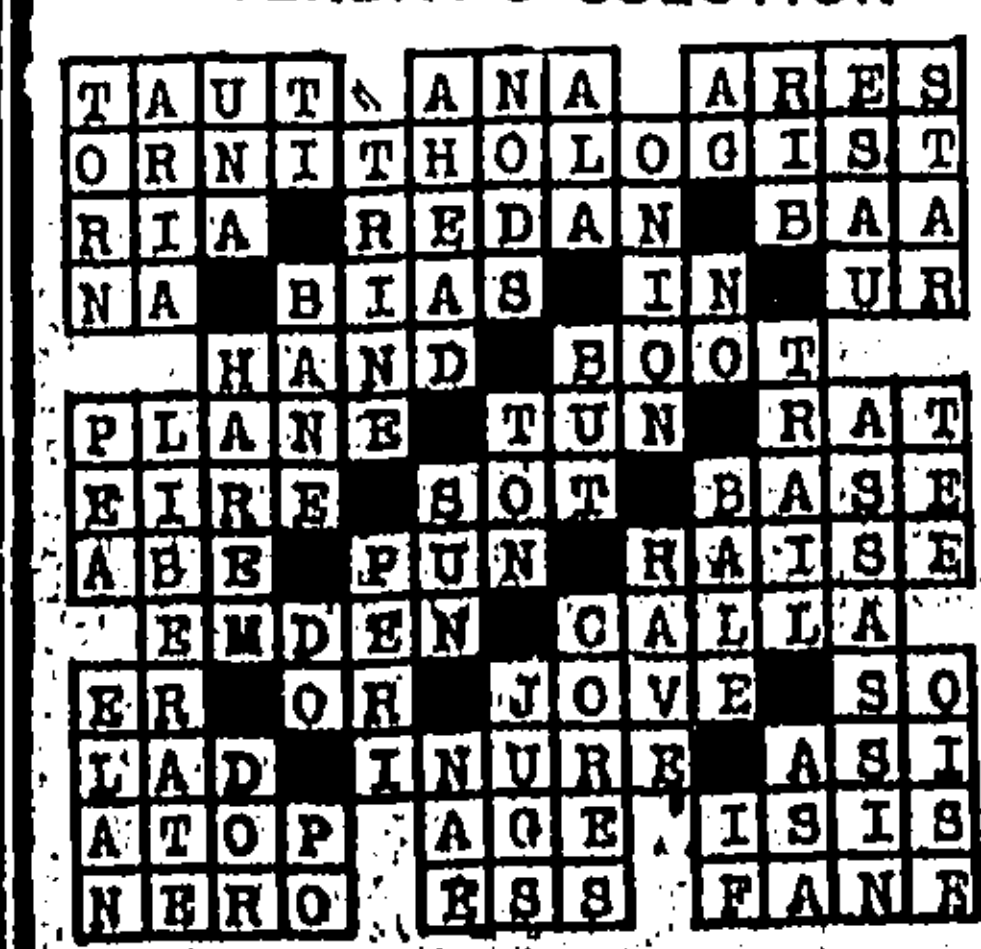
## HORIZONTAL

- 1 Unhappy
- 4 Golden
- 8 To imitate
- 11 Part of a church
- 12 Part of the eye
- 13 Uncooked
- 14 French article
- 15 High priest
- 17 Quick look
- 19 Lout
- 21 Poisonous snake
- 23 Silkworm
- 24 Goddess of discord
- 26 Period of time
- 28 Reverberation
- 31 Butting animal
- 33 Southwestern Indian
- 35 Melody
- 36 Colloquial father
- 38 To pardon
- 41 Pronoun
- 42 Aged
- 44 Insect
- 45 Crow-like bird
- 47 To venture
- 49 Indo-Chinese tree
- 51 River-duck
- 54 Chalice
- 56 To attempt
- 58 Holland commune

## VERTICAL

- 1 Lance
- 2 Because
- 3 English river
- 4 Aspect
- 5 Four
- 6 Limb
- 7 Story
- 8 Counter
- 9 Irritant
- 10 Moccasin

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



## 10 Female sheep

- 11 Fibre plant
- 16 Note of scale
- 18 Part of "to be"
- 20 Evergreen tree
- 22 Cautious
- 25 Pouch
- 27 Philippine Island ward division
- 29 Pronoun
- 30 Crude metal
- 32 Crowd
- 34 Finish
- 36 Seed covering
- 37 Wing
- 39 By birth
- 40 To consume
- 43 Fabulous monster
- 46 Small
- 48 Australian bird
- 50 To feel blindly
- 52 To acknowledge
- 53 To guide
- 55 Gray
- 57 Archaic article
- 59 Toward the stern
- 60 Swiss canton
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# DEMOCRACY'S PROBLEM WHEN WAR IS OVER

TAKING AS HIS SUBJECT "The Problem of Post-War International Economic Organisation," Dr. Henry F. Grady, President of the American President Lines, delivered a thought-provoking address at a luncheon meeting of Teachers of International Law at Carlton Hotel, Washington. Some of the questions which Dr. Grady posed were these:

To what extent after the war shall we be able to sell the surplus products of our farmers and industrial workers in world markets?

Will the international mechanism of trade be restored or shall we have to resort to the barter system of primitive peoples?

Shall we be able to enjoy, in a higher standard of living, the economic benefits arising from world-wide specialisation of production made possible by multi-lateral trade, or shall we, as a result of economic nationalism, have to work longer and harder for a livelihood?

The answers to these questions, said Dr. Grady, "now depend largely on us, on the ability of American labour and management to cooperate, on their efforts to hold down costs and prices, and on the willingness of individual economic classes and sections of the country to subordinate their special interests to the supreme national objective of aiding the democratic cause."

### Equality In Commerce

Dr. Grady believes that if the outcome of the struggle in Europe is the division of the world under totalitarian auspices into a number of closed economic regions, then our problem of post-war international economic organisation is to maintain equality and freedom in the commercial relations of the Western Hemisphere and the British Commonwealth of Nations, as a nucleus around which an international democracy may ultimately be built.

"But such totalitarian economic organisation," he added, "is not inevitable. It is merely a possibility, one of the forks in the road of civilisation which society can choose or reject, and it is admittedly one which does not lead to the greater well-being of humanity or to an enduring world peace. On the contrary, it leads directly to conditions out of which further world conflict must come. So why choose it?"

However, Dr. Grady explained, we cannot expect, in the event of a victory for the democracies, to restore the exact status quo, adding:

### Change

"Society is constantly changing. Inventions, discoveries and developments in science and technology have naturally been accompanied by changes in social institutions. To say that capitalism is doomed, if by capitalism is meant our way of life to-day, is merely a sensational way of saying that history is a record of change. Capitalism so defined has died many deaths. The capitalism of 1900 was far different from the capitalism of George Washington's time, and the New Deal capitalism of to-day is different from that of 1900. I have no quarrel with anyone who enjoys the sport of phrase-making, provided the essentials of free enterprise and democracy are maintained. 'A rose by any other name' would smell as sweet."

Dr. Grady said democracy cannot be gained by merely fighting for it, continuing:

"We fought in the last war to make the world safe for democracy, but refused in the period of peace which followed to assume by membership in the League of Nations our share of the responsibility for the shaping of a democratic international society. We felt that we could rely on isolation for security regardless of what happened to the rest of the world. We even refused to cooperate with other countries in order to build a more prosperous world community. Instead we raised barriers against world trade which, especially in view of the heavy international payments having to be effected in the post-war period, contributed in no small part to financial and economic instability of the world and ultimately to the great economic

depression, disillusionment, and social unrest out of which arose national socialism.

### Post-War Problem

"If we believe in democracy, these are the realities we have to face and it takes more courage and intelligence to face them than it does to face the dangers of totalitarianism. Unless we are prepared to proceed after the war in accordance with our convictions, as we were not after the last war, then we are wasting our time talking about the preservation of democracy."

"It is my conclusion, therefore, that the problem of post-war international economic organisation, regardless of the outcome of the present European conflict, is in so far as we are concerned, to preserve and advance the liberal trade policy which we have pursued since 1934. The prospects of success will of course be encouraging in the event of a British victory. In other circumstances our task may be much more difficult but all the more important, for then the cause of freedom must look to the New World alone for refuge and strength."

## MURDERED, LEFT WEARING JEWELS

The diamond-decked body of a wealthy Canadian woman was dug out of a shallow grave at the roadside near Dainsville, Florida, cables John Walters.

The woman was Mrs. Ruth Rawlins, thirty-three-year-old wife of James Rawlins, retired executive of the International Nickel Company.

Two cab drivers confessed to the murder. But on the body they left her glistening diamonds, her gold rings.

"We didn't kill her for money," repeated the cab drivers Frank Hogan, aged twenty-seven, and Earl Allen, thirty-five, still refusing to reveal their motive after hours of grilling.

They say they killed her in their apartment at St. Petersburg, Florida, motored the 115 miles to Dainsville and buried her.

## APPLAUSE HURTS PETAIN

Dumb mutiny — the latest phase of anti-Nazi activity in unoccupied France—is rousing German anger because they can't do anything about it.

Marshal Petain was himself the first instrument of this new technique, when he made a speech, which was also broadcast, in Grenoble recently.

When he opened his speech the old Marshal was surprised at what he thought the warmth of his reception. A storm of clapping met his opening phrases. As he proceeded he was interrupted again and again by applause, which often made his broken sentences ludicrous; he was distinctly heard on the microphone to murmur "They seem to be doing it on purpose."

When Petain said: "You are proving that you have faith in France's destiny..." he was deafened with applause.

Then the proceedings developed into a farce.

Marshal Petain: "A certain number of Frenchmen have not understood the necessity for a New Order (thunderous applause) — and remain attached to the hope of a return to a happy and easy life..." (Resounding and prolonged applause and stamping).

Marshal Petain: "My friends, I am about to leave you..." Here the applause was so loud and prolonged that the Marshal cried with disgust, "Ah!" And so began the new campaign.

## ESCAPED BOMB 5FT. AWAY

A bomb fell 5ft. from an Anderson shelter in London where three people were taking refuge during a night raid.

Blast drove a big box of sand into the doorway and blocked the entrance. The occupants were quickly released and came out unscathed.

## Divorce Her Only Weapon

"DIVORCE WAS HER only weapon," said Mr. Justice Atkinson in the King's Bench Division concerning Mrs. Phyllis Maud Hill, who sued Sir Enoch Hill, of Willow Hall, Halifax, claiming arrears under an alleged agreement to pay her £1,000 a year after she had taken divorce proceedings against Sir Enoch's son, Mr. John Henry Hill.

The Judge held that Sir Enoch Hill was under legal obligation to pay and gave judgment for Mrs. Hill for £166 13s. 4d. (the instalments claim), with interest and costs. It was intimated there would be an appeal.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Atkinson said eight or nine years ago plaintiff's husband fell in love with another woman, and Mrs. Hill had to leave home.

Sir Enoch could not have thought she was not justified in so doing, for he installed her in a house in London, and for the next seven years kept her in real luxury. During that time, apparently, he spent £100,000 on her.

Mrs. Hill in 1937 filed a petition for divorce, based on a charge of adultery.

Her husband denied liability for her debts, and reduced her income from £2,000 net to £750.

At the same time Sir Enoch practically stopped all supplies. In 1939 she was in debt to the extent of £9,000 or £10,000.

It was clear Mrs. Hill was determined there would be no divorce unless she had her debts paid and secured an income for her future.

"Divorce was her only weapon," said Mr. Justice Atkinson. "She knew her husband was anxious for a divorce so that he could marry again, and her father-in-law had come round to her husband's point of view."

"If divorce was her weapon, money was the weapon of Sir Enoch and his son. She was absolutely dependent on them."



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## THE ODDS

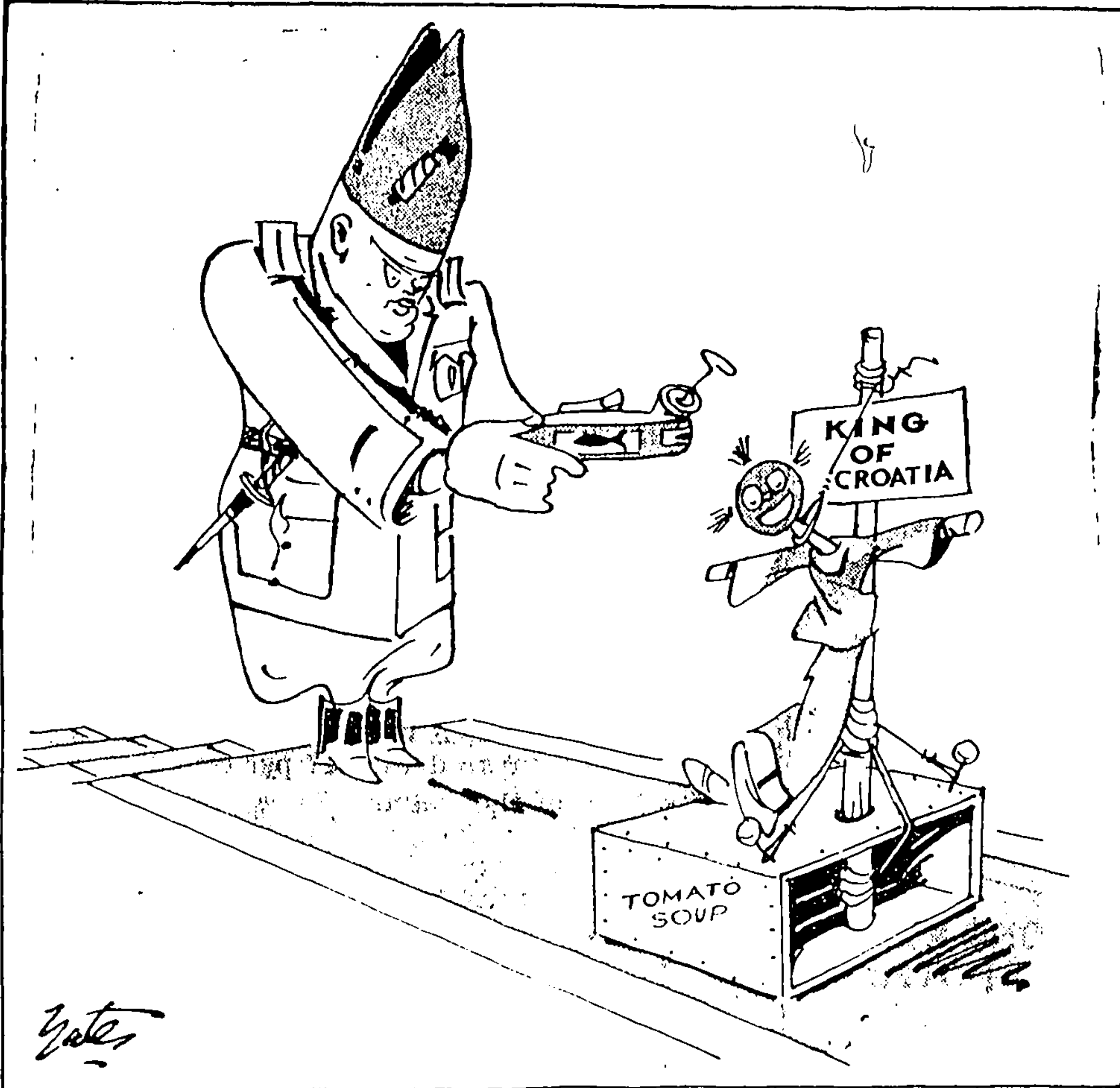
If words and preliminary actions mean anything—which they do not always to Japanese statesmen—the time is ripe for a further word of warning to Japan before she commits herself to a course from which there can be no withdrawal. The strength of her ties with the Axis have in the last two or three days been ostentatiously advertised, Mr. Matsuoka has been responsible for further threats, and the anti-British campaign has been revived. The attacks on Britain concentrate upon the allegation that the restrictions imposed upon supplies to Japan are a deliberate attempt to strangle the economic life of Japan. It is well-known, of course, that those restrictions are those rendered necessary by (a) our own priority of need and (b) by the open hostility of Japan, which makes no attempt to disguise her efforts to supply Britain's enemies with raw materials which, engaged as we are in a life and death struggle, we are determined must be cut off.

The new note that has lately appeared in Japanese official comment and in the inspired Press, that these restrictions, which do not prevent ample supplies of necessary materials for her own use reaching Japan, are so vexatious as to justify aggressive action against Britain, powerfully suggests that the development of a new crisis may not be far off. At the moment, the objective may possibly not involve anything more serious than a futile attempt at intimidation. It arises from the complaints of Japanese industrial leaders, who are pressing strongly for abandonment of the dangerous allegiance to the Axis, in the sense that Tokyo hopes to calm the Japanese business world by frightening Britain into a reversal of policy.

It should be broad enough hint to a Japan thinking for herself and not a subservient tool of Hitler, that if it can be suggested, in all seriousness, that the insignificant pain inflicted by British trade restrictions, do injury to Japanese economy, her plight would be increased not tenfold but a hundredfold should she have inclination towards provoking an open conflict. Trade figures tell the plain story that a pros-

perous future for Japan can only be assured by maintaining friendly relations and free intercourse with the democracies.

There seems to be some impression in Tokyo that the United States would stand aside, a neutral spectator. It is true that America will not be willingly provoked; any more than will the British Empire. But Washington's warnings have been explicit and continuous and have only been intensified by recent developments. Japan must take her choice with a shrewd notion on what the odds of American entry will be.



BOYS WILL BE BOYS!

# Obeisance To Pudding

By  
Ivor Brown

It is one of the oddities of English life that a nation which has in fact been especially rich in the quick genius of poets and wits and as famous for its dash on horse and foot likes to think of itself chiefly as lethargic and solid, trusty but ponderous. The eighteenth-century idea of a sturdy but slow John Bull was allowed to obscure the memory of the Elizabethan sailors who, in their lighter craft and with nimbler faculties, had outmanoeuvred the heavy galleons of the duller-minded Don.

So the notion of the beevish Briton, and of the gallant but pudding-headed heavy-weight began to win the general assent.

Salad and eggs and lighter fair  
Tune the Italian spark's guitar.  
And if I take Dan Congreve right,  
Pudding and beef make Britons fight.

To what extent this rhyme of Prior's forecast the rival dietaries in North Africa, 1941, is uncertain. Only those who have dined in the desert know the menu, but if General Wavell's army has indeed been regaled with pudding and beef, these articles appear to afford no obstacle to extreme mobility, nor do they hamper a knack of mixing the temper of a Prince Rupert with the speed of a Rolls-Royce.

At any rate, on the home ground pudding has recovered its position on the national diet sheet. Britons lately were tending to eat pud-

ding less and less after their meat and cheese more and more. The Victorian gentleman had a sweeter tooth and an ampler capacity. "To dine off chops and roly-poly pudding with avidity" was the happy habit of the "pushing young particle" in "Patience." Chops note the plural—and roly-poly. The self-indulgent wretch may even have had cheese as well. He would not have deemed himself to have dined without some sugary and farinaceous "follow" to his meat. The American of to-day sustains our Victorian tradition and usually adds to the meat dish of his midday meal a substantial slab of "pie," possibly heaped with ice-cream as well. It is not that he eats more, but he has the sweeter taste and lacks our interest in cheese and savouries.

This addiction to "pie" and similar kickshaws was surely willing in British middle-class life. The men had lost the craving for cakes and milky dishes, and the women, since they were slimming, viewed the succulence of steamed suet or the layer of pastry and the jug of cream with horrified alarm; reluctantly, perhaps, but none the less resolutely, they averted the watering mouth. Its taste for a savoury and astringent article was overcoming the appetite for rich and lush refreshment. Pudding was more and more left to the nursery. Its suavity as well as its bulk had become the enemy. I do not say that this was a righteous judgment. Many despised ingredients of the pudding tribe, like tapioca, have a distinctive, subtle, and by no means sickly flavour. But they won a bad name at school, where they were often vilely cooked, and nothing needs more perfect preparation than a milk pudding.

But now, with cheese so scarce and with many other elements of a savoury scarcely more common, the pudding reasserts its claim. If there be no meat course to precede and no "closing rites" of cheese thereafter but only some trifling fillet of fish, then pudding in the grand manner is of obvious value, especially if the wind be cold. The poor man of old might cosset himself with pudding only on Sunday:

One solid dish his weekday meal affords,  
An added pudding solemnised the Lord's.

Not long ago, far up in the Penines, I heard a Manchester man, whose thoughts ran deeply on nutritive matters, say of a fam-

ous haunt of the city's carnivores, "I hear they're serving Welsh Rabbit instead of meat on two days a week." The tone in which he gasped out this appalling news suggested that darkest night had fallen upon Irwell's banks and that chaos had come again to all the Chorltons, whether on Medlock or cum Hardy. Doubtless the famous house is providing some robust puddings to fill in the corners. Now, I fancy, some chop-fallen men, who disdained of old the solid allure of a Baked Albert Roll, may have become eager addicts of that massive and glutinous confection. Such are the results of "wars, horrid wars."

There can, while any ingredients remain, be no difficulty about supply of British puddings. Our native cookery books abound with names and notions of puddings, with the courtly and consequential names as well as with the comic and plebeian ones. Who could not be impressed by a pudding called Sir Watkin, which seems to sing from the menu, like any Gilbertian peer, "Bow, bow (as well as stodge), ye lower middle classes?" Who, on the other hand, could not be impressed by the humility of "Amy's Crumb Pie?" On the august side are Queen's, Cabinet, and Diplomat; on the commoners' bill of fare are the Roly-poly and the Spotted Dog.

Pudding began, it is true, in a meaty way. It was the happy aggregation of the butcher's bits and pieces, nothing so magnificent as steak and kidney, but more of the haggis kind—and has not haggis been accurately as well as wittily described as "all of the sheep except the mutton?" But later on pudding achieved its progress from the liver and lights to the fruit and sugar. It became, in the majestic English of the Oxford English Dictionary,

a preparation of food of a soft or moderately firm consistency in which the ingredients, animal or vegetable, are either mingled in a farinaceous basis or are enclosed in a farinaceous crust, and cooked by boiling or steaming. Preparations of butter, milk and eggs, rice, sago, and other farinaceous substances, suitably seasoned and cooked by baking, are now also called puddings.

You may gather from that how posterior, and even inferior, are the puddings abominably known as "sweets." For my part I refuse utterly to apply the word "sweet" to anything but confectionery. Let fruit be fruit and pie pie. Spotted Dog, Sir Watkin, Baked Albert Roll—are these monsters and notables to be lobbed off with the petty title of "sweet?" Here's outrage indeed. "Sweets" to the sweet, but not to the sensible. If we are going back to pudden, let the dull-thud of that tremendous title be properly regarded and preserved.

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# SENTIMENT FOR WAR HIGHER IN U.S.

(By George Gallup, Director, American Institute of Public Opinion)

JUST THREE WEEKS AFTER THE START OF ADOLF HITLER'S SPRING BLITZKRIEG IN THE BALKANS, COMPREHENSIVE STUDIES OF AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION SHOWED THE FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT REACTIONS.

First, there appears to have been no substantial change in the number of Americans who would like to see the United States enter the war at once. The institute's surveys since the start of the Balkan Blitz show 19 per cent voting for United States belligerency, as compared with 17 per cent last month.

The bulk of the voters—approximately four in every five—are opposed to United States entrance at this time.

But a second attitude of the greatest significance is also uncovered. For a substantial majority say they would be willing to see the United States go to war if it appears certain there is no other way to insure the defeat of Germany and Italy.

Rather than see Britain go down, sixty-eight persons in every 100 in the institute survey said, they would be willing to have America enter. As matters now stand, the public is apparently not convinced that our immediate entrance is required.

## Issues Put To Voters

Both of the above issues were put to a carefully selected and representative cross-section of the American voting public in each of the forty-eight States. The first question was asked in order to test the actual belligerency of the United States public to-day; the second, to see whether United States peace sentiment is "absolute" or "with reservations."

The question asked and the actual replies, were as follows:

"If you were asked to vote to-day on the question of the United States entering the war against Germany and Italy, how would you vote—to go into the war, or to stay out of the war?"

Would vote to go in ..... 19%

Would vote to stay out ..... 81%

"If it appeared certain that there was no other way to defeat Germany and Italy except for the United States to go to war against them, would you be in favour of the United States going into the war?"

Would favour going in if no other way ..... 68%

Would not favour going in ..... 24%

Undecided ..... 8%

The above figures represent some of the first measurable reactions of the United States public to the spread of the war in Greece and Yugoslavia, and to the successes of German panzer divisions in North Africa. Interviewing in the present institute survey was begun on April 10—four days after the Balkan Blitz began—and was largely completed by April 20.

Further public reactions to the European scene since that date will be available in forthcoming institute tests.

## Potential War Sentiment

To-day's survey gives a striking indication of the amount of potential war sentiment that may be brewing in the United States this Spring—despite the consistent reluctance of the ordinary citizen to vote for immediate war.

A vast reversal of public thinking has taken place since October, 1939—the first weeks of the war—when the institute found only 29 persons in every 100 willing to enter the war even to prevent a British-French defeat.

But clues to this potential war sentiment have not been lacking.

Just a year ago, before the invasion of France, two-thirds of the voters in institute surveys declared it was more important to keep America at peace than it was to help Britain win "at the risk of war." Following the events the dark Summer of 1940, that opinion became exactly reversed. Two-thirds decided it was more important to help Britain win, even at the risk of war, than to concentrate entirely on "staying out."

Earlier the institute reported a closely similar picture on the question of convoys:

A minority—41 per cent.—said they now favoured the use of United States naval convoys to guard war shipments to Britain.

## Majority Agree

But a substantial majority—71 per cent.—said they would agree to convoys. "If it appears certain that Britain will be defeated unless we use part of our Navy" to convoy.

American public opinion has been jolted by the latest developments in the European war, there can be no doubt. As the institute reported in the third article in this series only recently, news of German gains in the Balkans brought a sharp drop in the number of Americans who have been expecting an ultimate British victory.

Yet as of mid-April, American confidence in the final overthrow of Hitler remained surprisingly high. For every person who told the institute he expected an Axis victory, five still expected Britain to win, and the remainder were

## 1941 FILM GIRLS ARE TALLER

Film actresses are getting taller. When motion pictures began, petite Mary Pickford, Gloria Swanson and Mary Miles Minter set the height styles.

Many of the 1941 crop that includes Jane Wyman, Alexis Smith and Peggy Diggins, are a head taller than Gladys Smith was when she first applied for work and agreed to change her name to Mary Pickford.

They are taller than Bette Davis, Merle Oberon, or Olivia de Havilland. Nine girls who appeared in one recent film were all above the average height. — Associated Press.

## "MURDEROUS" ATTACK BY TWO M.P.'S

Describing attacks on the South African Minister of the Interior, Mr. H. G. Lawrence, as almost murderous, the Magistrate in the Durban Court imposed fines of £50 and £25 on two South African M.P.'s for assault.

The case arose out of a public meeting at Commodo, in which Mr. Lawrence attacked the pro-Nazi Ossewabrandwag Party, which has been banned to members of the South African Civil Service.

## Minister Mobbed

Twelve hundred farmers are stated to have mobbed the Minister in the ensuing rough house.

The two M.P.'s, Colonel Jacob Wilkens and his brother, Mr. Jan Wilkens—both farmers and well-known Boer figures—were involved.

undecided or expected a stalemate.

## Expect Entry Into War

Institute surveys have also noted an increase in the number who think the British would be wise to discuss peace terms with Hitler. But these voters are still in the minority (29 per cent.) and a great many are individuals who would not be willing to have America enter the war, even if Britain were being defeated.

This leaves one more phase of American thinking—and not the least important by any means—to be mentioned.

Since the beginning of 1941 institute surveys have shown a marked increase in the number of Americans who expect the United States to enter the war "some time before it is over."

Only 59 per cent. thought so last autumn, as Americans settled back in their chairs momentarily after the November elections. But including those who qualify their answers by saying "we'll get in if it lasts long enough," and "we'll get in if the Axis can't be beaten any other way," some 82 persons in every 100 in the institute's latest survey say they think the United States will eventually go in.

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# ONE LONDON SHOP IN FOUR MAY BE CLOSED

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Under the Government "concentration" scheme, if firms do not voluntarily cooperate compulsory powers will be used. It may be necessary in London and the provinces for one store in four to close.

One suggestion is that the bigger firms, including chain and departmental stores, should adopt the following plan:—

"X" firm would close its branches in some towns while "Y" firm would remain open but leave other towns free for their rivals.

## Advertising Helps

The President of the Board of Trade, in the Commons said: "There is no plan to reduce permanently the number of small firms in industry or, least of all, to force small ones into the arms of combines."

Already nine out of ten workers displaced had been absorbed.

It would be the desire of most producers to keep their brands and trade marks in front of the public, and in many cases when engaged entirely in Government work many manufacturers were doing so by advertising. Every help would be given to keep trade marks alive.

## A Pledge

Requisitioning, which would be on a much larger scale than M.P.s anticipated, will take place over a large number of factories closed down as a result of concentration.

The Minister gave a pledge that where a firm was so small that the dislocation caused would be out of relation to the advantage gained by concentration the Board of Trade would not touch it.

It would be necessary to continue control for some time after the cessation of hostilities.

# NAVY CUT IT TO 4 WORDS

The First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking in London, told of two signals — messages from ships — the courage of one of which he said moved him to tears.

It was from a little corvette — a craft used for escort work and hunting U-boats — which was well out at sea.

"Enemy raider-am engaging," it said.

The Minister commented, "Anyone who knows what naval ships are and the size of a corvette compared with an enemy raider will realise the courage of that signal."

## It Brought Tears

"It just overwhelmed me. It brought tears to my eyes." The other signal arrived during the battle in the Skagerrak, when the Germans were invading Norway.

"We had a submarine right up there; in the inner waters; cutting their communications; sinking their ships and running hourly risk, both of mining and destroyers," he said.

The signal read: "Have attacked a ship, then had to submerge for forty-three hours. Have received 100 depth charges."

Then came the laconic finish: "Propose to return to my station."

# TANK RAN AMOK— 2 BURIED

Two people were buried beneath the ruins of a shop in South Street, Lewes, Sussex, when a heavy tank travelling in convoy crashed into the building and demolished it.

They were Alfred Humphreys, aged fifty, a shoemaker, and a woman customer. Soldiers and Civil Defence workers dug them out and they were taken to hospital.

The premises looked as if they had had a direct hit from a heavy bomb. The tank ran on to the pile of bricks that was left.

Painted in white on the tank's side was the name Rapsacullion.

# WHAT JACK HYLTON TOLD P.C.

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Hylton was fined £1 for carrying an unscreened torch.

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C. B. BROWN,  
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**READING THE BIDDING**

**By The Four Aces**

The player who selects his opening lead after careful consideration of the bidding has a big advantage over the player whose opening lead is more or less automatic. For example:

West, Dealer  
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH			
♠ A K 10 7			
♥ Q 6 5 2			
♦ 5			
♣ K 10 6 5			

WEST		EAST	
♠ 8 4		♠ 6 3	
♥ A J 10 7 3		♥ 9	
♦ Q 9 2		♦ K J 10 8 6 3	
♣ A Q J		♣ 9 8 4 2	

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♥	Dbl.	2♦	2♠
3♦	3♠	4♦	Dbl.
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass

West's "automatic" lead would have been a diamond, and South would have won, drawn trumps, and lost a club and two hearts. The automatic lead, therefore, would have given South the game and rubber.

But West thought before leading. His partner had "run" from the double of one heart and had rebid diamonds later on. That sounded like long diamonds and very short hearts — so he led the best defence.

On this reasoning West opened the Ace of hearts, and to lowed with the three of hearts. East ruffed, as expected, and correctly read the choice of West's lowest heart as indicating an entry in the lowest suit. East therefore returned a club to West's Ace and got another heart ruff to defeat the contract.

Note that if West had held the Ace of diamonds instead of the Ace of clubs he would have led the ten or Jack of hearts at the second trick. And the high heart would indicate an entry in the higher of the two side suits.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q J 10 8 4 2  
♥ J 10 6  
♦ A 4  
♣ 7 5

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	Major	You
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♠	Pass	(7)

ANSWER: Bid six spades. The Slam should hinge on a finesse at the worst, since partner's bidding must be based on an unusually strong hand, well fortified with Aces.

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**Question No. 721**

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7  
♥ A J 4  
♦ K 10 5 3  
♣ A 10

The bidding:  
Major You Jacoby Schenken  
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Vocal Trio—America (Callings—Medley with Quagliana's Quartette).  
The Big Band—Selection with Dan Donovan & DeRoy Somers Band.  
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.  
1.01 p.m.—Compositions of Albeniz and Granados.  
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1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Ruzby Press and Announcements.  
1.45 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience".  
Overture—Symphony Orchestra cond. by Malcolm Sargent. Twenty Lovesick Maidens. We Nellie Bricliffe. Rita Mackay & Chorus of Girls. Still Breeding On Their Mad Infatuation. I Cannot Tell What This Love May Be. Winifred Lawson. Nellie Bricliffe. M. Eyre & Chorus of Girls. The Soldiers of Our Queen. If You Want a Receipt for That Popular Mystery. Darrell Fancourt & Chorus of Dragons. Am I Alone and Unloved? If You're Anxious For to Shine. George Baker (Bantometer) with Orchestra. Long Years Ago. Winifred Lawson & Nellie Bricliffe with Orchestra. Let the Merry Cymbals Sound. Derek Oldham. Darrell Fancourt. M. Green, and George Baker with Chorus of Girls and Dragons.  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
2.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.  
3.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
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7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".  
7.30 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera. A Country Girl. Selection (Monekton). London Theatre Orchestra. Les Cloches de Corneville. Vocal Gems (Planquette). Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra. Liliac Tune. Selection (Schubert). arr. Berte & Chutsum. Harry Davidson (Organ). "H.M.S. Pinafore" Selection (Sullivan). The Hand of HM Childstream Guards.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.  
8.02 p.m.—Liszt—Dante Sonata. Louis Kentner (Piano) and the Sadlers' Wells Orchestra.  
8.18 p.m.—Cello Solos by Beatrice Harrison.  
Benedictus (Mackenzie). Adoration (Borowski) with Organ accomp. Elegie (Debussy) with Orchestra.  
8.30 p.m.—Studio—"Some British Poets" No. 1 Gray. Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.  
8.50 p.m.—Eric Coates—Summer Days—Suite. Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by the Composer.  
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.  
9.15 p.m.—Compositions of Johann Strauss.  
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9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).  
9.45 p.m.—Humorous Variety.  
Vocal Duets—Tricky Little Tune (McGill). A More or Less Volga Boat Song (McGill). Major and Minor with Orchestra. Comedy Sketch—Sandy the Detective (Powell—Thomson). Sandy Powell and Company. Vocal—They're Always Together (Crumit & others). Frank Crumit with Orchestra.  
10.00 p.m.—French Variety.  
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Adventures of R.A.F. pilots in the Libyan Desert in the early days of Mussolini's war are recalled by the recent announcement of the award of the D.F.C. to Flying Officer (now Flight Lieutenant) P. G. Wykeham-Barnes. The citation stated that after being shot down in enemy territory, he made his way on foot across the frontier and immediately returned to flying duties.

Here is what happened. After going for a flight of Bredas, the pilot later had to "bale out" after an attack by large number of Fiat C.R. 42's. The instrument panel of the British pilot's Gladiator was shot away, and the tail was damaged. As he was coming down by parachute, F/Lt Wykeham-Barnes realised that there was an Italian firing close to him. "But I do not think it was at me" he added.

Reaching the ground he remained hidden until after dark, and then decided to find the wreck of his machine so as to get his water bottle. But when he reached the aircraft the water bottle was smashed. Taking his gun, the pilot set off to "hike" back to our lines. Five hours after coming down he crossed the frontier, though it was not until the following morning that he was found by a convoy of one of our Hunia regiments.

Back at his base it was found that he had been slightly wounded by shrapnel but he had not felt it as he sat in his aircraft and he was back again in his seat the same day, over Libya.

Another pilot, a Flight Lieutenant, having accounted for two Italians, found himself intercepted by an overwhelming force. He carried on a running fight for fifteen minutes, trying all the time to "make" the border by evasive tactics. Ultimately his rudder controls were shot away, by sheer bad luck, for the shots came from an Italian aircraft above him as it came out of a loop, and not engaged against the Flight Lieutenant.

After baling out successfully, the Flight Lieutenant hid in the desert until night-fall. Starting out after dark, he saw a large camp. Unable to determine whether it was friendly or not he made a wide detour. Twenty-three hours after he had "baled out" he was found by troops. He had walked nearly fifty miles.

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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Harbingers Of New Season

We want to smell nice as well as look nice in this hopeful new season. Fragrances, and spring blossoms go hand in hand, naturally, so all the perfumers present their late and tantalising mixtures for our selection. Some are old, old favourites, getting nearer than hen's teeth now that the war is raging, and others are new brews in new dress.

It would be a sad day if women had to be denied their toilet waters, colognes, perfumes and scented cosmetics and such. We have grown to think of fragrances as necessities, they are no longer luxuries. But fortunately they have a wide price range and even the most limited beauty budgets can embrace one bottle at least.

As flowers are so much the vogue this spring many girls are wearing a fragrance which matches a hat, a floral print, or a cottage garden picture; you all know the heady, beautiful scent of white hyacinth. Well, reproductions of those sturdy, pure blossoms are used to trim hats, wear in one's hair, pinned onto a dress or copied into the design of a fresh summer print. What could be more in keeping than to wear white hyacinth perfume when you wear the blossoms?

### Keep Perfume Fresh

When one wears perfume during the day or evening, one should keep it fresh. By that I mean a tired fragrance is as unattractive as tired make-up. When most of the fragrance has evaporated into the air, whip out of your purse a little air-tight vial and apply some fresh fragrance. Most all of the favoured mixtures may be purchased in a large quantity for your dressing table, and in a tiny



From her blossom-trimmed evening purse this lovely belle takes her nifty straw-covered vial of perfume to freshen her radiance.

vial or even a special purse-vial for your purse.

Some women can "hold" a scent much longer than others. This is because skin chemistry differs

with each individual. There is one exquisite perfume which will hang around me for hours, once I atomise it onto my person carefully, but it is the only one that does so. Other brews (which are just as rare as the one I mentioned) leave me in from two to three hours after application. But that doesn't stop me from wearing them—for I carry my purse bottle along.

### Perfume Back Of Neck

When you apply perfume do not forget the back of your neck! That may sound foolish but it isn't. Many people walk in back of you, or stand in back of you and if perfume is placed in back of your neck they get the lovely aroma. Also as you pass people the air will carry that fragrance to them and thus you radiate a most alluring personality!

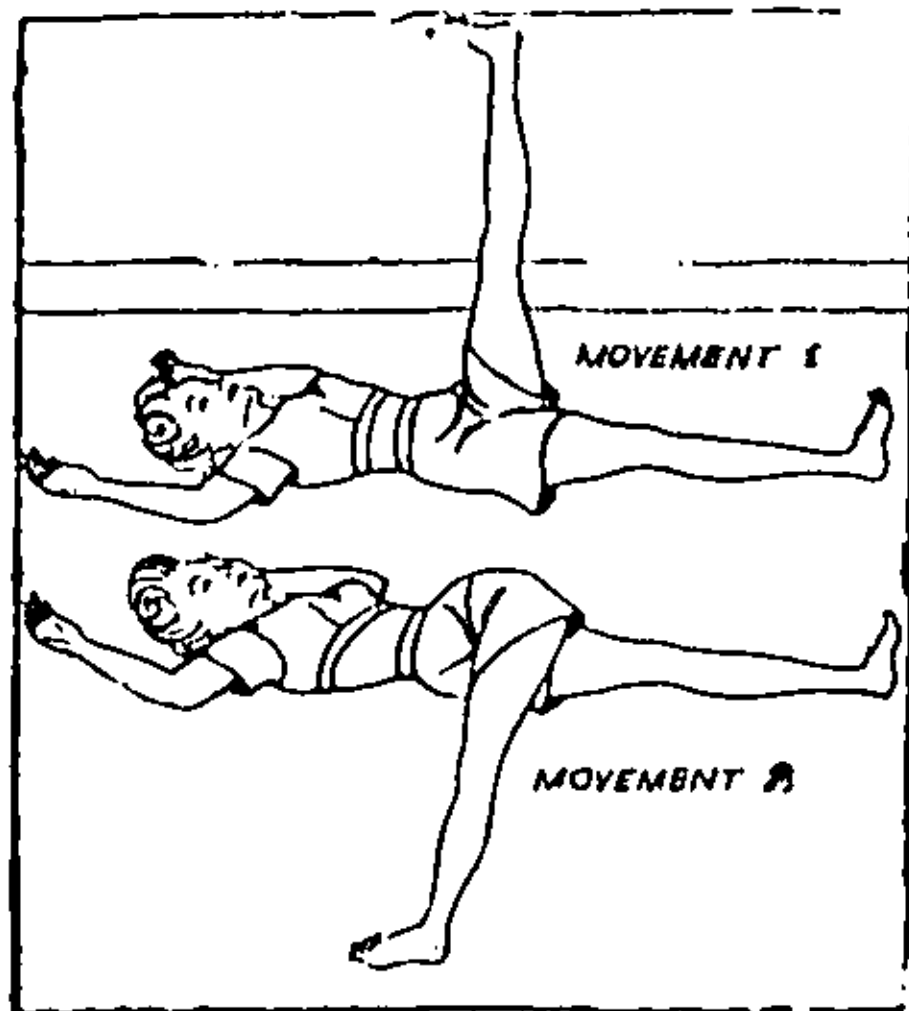
Floral fragrances are favoured for spring—especially for daytime wear—and there are some very, very lovely new ones waiting to give your nose a treat!

Movement 1. Stretch that heel and straighten that leg! You will not be able to do it for at least ten days unless you have been exercising regularly.

Lower the leg slowly and then stretch the right leg up in the air. Repeat ten times. Increase four times each day.

### Second Part

The first movement probably pained you enough, but in case you think you are ready for reducing exercises try this. After getting your left leg stretched up in the air as in movement one, stretch it across the body as shown in Movement 2. KEEP YOUR SHOULDERS FLAT ON THE FLOOR AND YOUR KNEES STRAIGHT. OUCH! Golly does that hurt! Well I will leave you with these two movements to practice for fourteen consecutive days!



doctor and then weeks of limbering exercises.

A neglected body requires kid-glove handling the first week or two. You must work up to a re-fashioning schedule of exercise. Stretch your legs, your arms, your middle, your neck, before you try to reshape them.

To test your stiffness, and to show you how much limbering you need, try this exercise. It comes from the famous Dorothy Gray Salon in New York, and is given to every applicant.

Lie flat on your back on the floor in very loose clothing. Stretch your heels downwards and point your toes to the ceiling. Your arms are relaxed overhead. Now, without bending either knee the slightest, slowly raise your left leg up in the air as shown in

## Stretch Before Exercise

Exercise never hurt any woman if she went about getting it sensibly. You hear tall tales about women who tried to exercise and almost killed themselves. The latest going the rounds is this one: "Well, this woman was fat and she wanted to exercise so she read about an exercise which told her to stoop down and pick up a lot of scattered goose feathers. She scattered the goose feathers, stooped and began to pick them up. Suddenly something snapped and she hasn't been able to walk since!"

Tut, tut, my dears, do not believe such stories. Shame on the lady if she allowed her spine to become so brittle and unused to doing its normal job that her sacro-iliac snapped out of joint the first time she stooped. That could have happened—if her body was in such a deplorable state of poor health—while she was stepping into a car, going to Church or just reaching for the telephone while she was eating chocolates in bed. It was due to happen when it did—it was only accident that she was trying to exercise!

### Limber First For Safety

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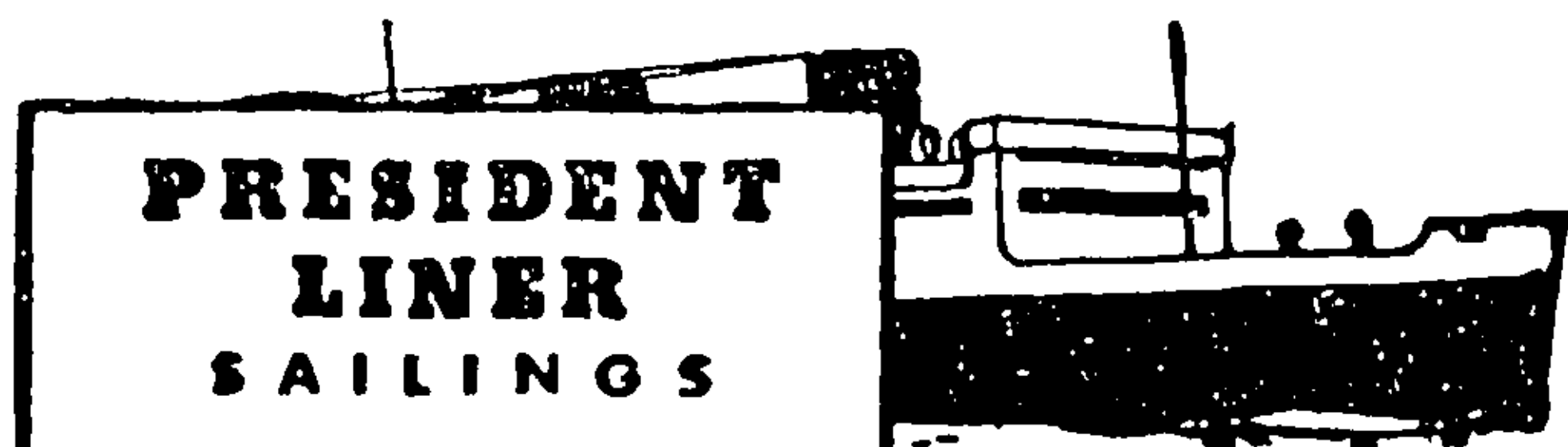


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He then realised his mistake and apologised.

## COURT ACQUITS 2 N.C.O.s

Company Sergeant-Major Cooper, one of those accused at the Liverpool court-martial of alleged ill-treatment of conscientious objectors, was found not guilty of all the charges, and was released.

Cooper had pleaded not guilty to charges of inciting, or permitting, an assault on soldiers, and of assaulting three privates. He had denied that men had been pounded and kicked and their heads put in buckets of water.

Lieutenant Fargher, defending Cooper, said that when the trouble arose with the objectors, there was a danger of 400 other men "going wrong." He submitted that what was done under the circumstances was proper, and only the necessary force — not excessive force — was used to move the men.

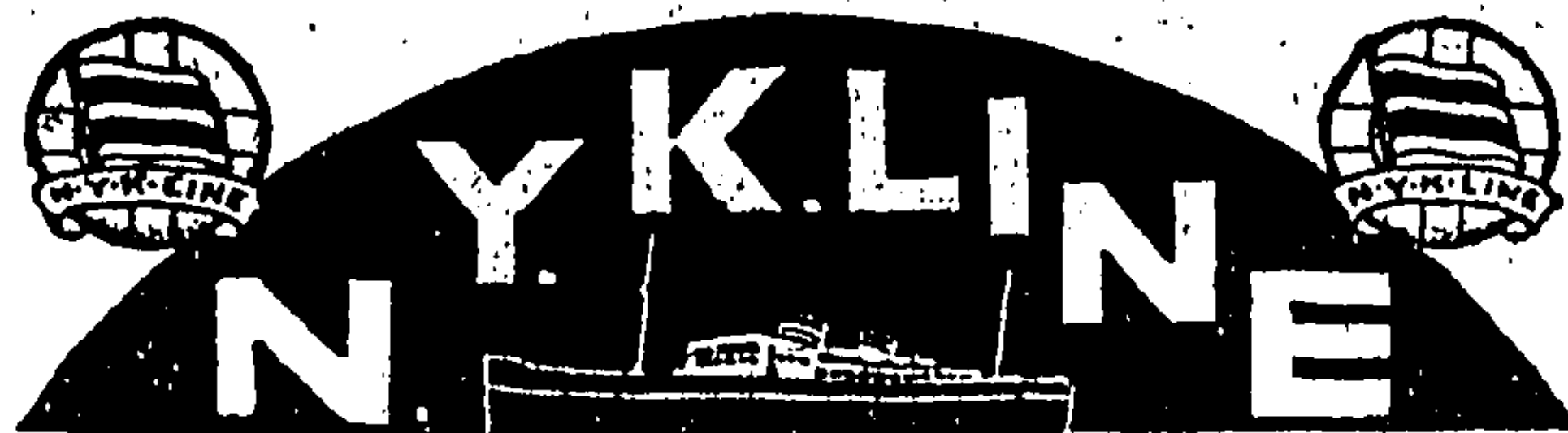
Sergeant Thomas Alexander, who had pleaded not guilty to five charges of assaulting privates was also found not guilty on all charges and released.

Other charges against N.C.O.s and against an officer have still to be heard.

### BABY ESCAPES: MOTHER KILLED

A baby in its mother's arms escaped unhurt when masonry dislodged from buildings by a drifting barrage balloon cable fell on them in the centre of Hull.

The mother, Mrs. Gladys Wilson, aged twenty-four, wife of a seaman, of Elm-avenue, Garden Village, Hull, was struck on the head. She died in hospital.



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# HURRICANES AND SPITFIRES STAY

## The Official Account

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What did the enemy succeed in accomplishing in just under a month of heavy fighting, during which he flung in squadron after squadron of the Luftwaffe without regard to cost? His object, be it remembered, was to "ground" fighters of the Royal Air Force and destroy so large a number of pilots and aircraft as to put it, temporarily at least, out of action. As has already been made clear, the Germans after their opening heavy attacks on convoys and on Portsmouth and Portland, concentrated on fighter aerodromes, first on or near the coast, then on those farther inland. Though they had done damage to aerodromes, both near the coast and inland, and this put the fighting efficiency of the fighter squadrons to considerable strain, they failed entirely to put them out of action. The staff and ground services worked day and night and the operations of our fighting squadrons were not, in fact interrupted. By the 6th September, the Germans either believed they had achieved success and it only remained for them to bomb defenceless London until it surrendered or, following their pre-arranged plan, they automatically switched their attack against the Capital because the moment had come to do so.

Those days saw the climax of the first half of the battle. As they drew to a close, Goering's position became not unlike that of Marshal Ney at Waterloo when at 4.30 in the afternoon he flung 37 squadrons of Kettlemann's Cuirassiers, backed by the heavy cavalry of the guard against the hard pressed British squares. Napoleon was unable to find the necessary support and Ney's efforts were made in vain. Goering may perhaps have been in the same position, though the attacks of the Luftwaffe continued to be pressed hard throughout September. Maybe Goering had made up his mind to attack targets more easily reached than were our fighter aerodromes. Maybe he was merely working to a time table. Maybe he thought our fighter defence was sufficiently weakened. What probably happened can be conveyed by a simple analogy. Imagine a game which involves knocking down a number of objects such as ninepins or skittles, in so many turns. The player has worked out a detailed scheme for attacking these by stages. The first two or three shots, however, result in misses and a prudent man would pause to reconsider his policy at this point. Can he pursue his scheme and still win or must he abandon it and try another? But this player, Goering, is so certain of winning that he goes on without stopping to think whether or not the preliminary shots have been successful. Suddenly he realises that, with only one or two turns left, he cannot possibly win on the lines of his prearranged scheme and makes a desperate effort to knock down the whole set in the last few shots. This may be no more than speculation. The facts are that, on the 7th September, Goering switched his attack away from the fighter aerodromes on to industrial and other targets and began by making London his main objective.

### London Versus Goering

The attacks on London on the 7th September were made in two or three distinct waves at intervals of about twenty minutes, the whole attack lasting for an hour. Waves were composed of formations of from twenty to forty bombers with an equal number of fighters in close escort, additional protection being given by large formations of other fighters flying at a much higher altitude. Most of the German aircraft came over at heights above 15,000 ft. in sunny skies which made the task of the Observer Corps very difficult.

At this stage, too, the enemy's dive-bombers reappeared in attacks on coastal objectives and shipping off Essex and Kent. They were a diversion for they came over while the mass attacks by long range bombers were in progress. By night the Germans greatly increased their attacks by single aircraft. These made no attempt to hit military targets, but contented themselves with dropping their bombs at random over a large area of London.

All attacks, however, were in essence the same. Over came the German aircraft, in one or more of many formations already described. Somewhere between the coast and London, usually in Edenbridge-Tunbridge Wells area, but sometimes nearer the sea, the German squadrons were met by our fighters. Spitfires tackled the high flying fighter screen covering the German attack.

The Hurricanes which had taken off first engaged the fighter screen followed by other squadrons who went for the bombers. There were dog fights all over Kent. The air was for some minutes never for very long — vibrant with machine-gun fire. People on the ground have described it as like the sound made by a small boy in the next street when he runs a stick along a stretch of iron-railings. As a background there was a faint roar of hundreds of engines which, on occasion, swelled to a fierce note as some crippled enemy fighter or bomber fell to the ground or made for its base, dropping lower and lower with Spitfires or Hurricanes diving upon it. Sometimes watchers, like those upon the keep of Hever Castle, would see a blue field of sky blossom suddenly with parachutes, as with white flowers. The warm sun of those superb September days shone on an ever-increasing number of the wrecked carcasses of aircraft, bearing on their wings the black cross of Prussia or the crooked symbol of Nazi power.

So numerous were these for a period over a fortnight, that more than two battalions of British Infantry from troops stationed in our Southern marches were required to guard them.

### The Last Throw

The attack on London and its environs was the crux of the battle. It continued with little respite from the 7th September until the 5th October and was a last desperate attempt to win victory. This could no longer be achieved cheaply for the Luftwaffe had already suffered terrible losses. But it might still be possible to destroy London and thus win the war. Despite the hard fighting of the previous month, the fighter defences of the R.A.F. were still fighting hard as ever. They had to be overcome before London could be placed at Hitler's mercy. Goering still believed in superior numbers. These would win the trick. They had brought him swift victory in Poland, Norway, the Low Countries, Belgium and France; they might still bring victory in Britain. He put forth all his strength in a final endeavour to knock down the ninepins at any cost. The Luftwaffe delivered 38 major attacks by day between the 6th September and the 5th October.

After battering away, morning, noon and night, throughout the September, against our inland fighter aerodromes, the German Air Force made a tremendous effort on the 7th to reach London and destroy the docks, 350 bombers and fighters flew in two waves east of Croydon up to the Thames Estuary, some penetrating nearly as far as Cambridge. They were met above the Capital itself. For the first time since that September day, 1880, when Mr. Samuel Pepys informed the King, at Whitehall that the City was on fire, Londoners saw flames

leaping up from various points in the crowded and dense populated districts of Dockland and Woolwich, while from every German radio station, announcers broadcast on the action a running commentary in which imagination and wishful thinking were nicely blended. London did not emerge unscathed. Damage was inflicted on dock buildings, several factories, railway communications, gas and electricity plants. It was also inflicted on the enemy. 103 German aircraft were destroyed. These heavy casualties shook the German High Command, for though the attacks were renewed and continued, evidently all was no longer well. Still, the Luftwaffe persevered with great tenacity and courage, delivering heavy attacks on the 9th September, using on that occasion a number of four engine bombers, on the 11th when about thirty aircraft penetrated Central London, on the 13th and again on the 15th. Those who got through on the 11th were so savagely handled by our fighter defence, that losses among their crews were estimated to be no fewer than 250. On the next day, a single German aircraft penetrated the defence by the clever use of cloud cover and bombed Buckingham Palace in the morning. On the 15th September came the climax—500 German aircraft, 250 in the morning and 250 in the afternoon, fought a running fight with our Hurricanes and Spitfires from Hammersmith to Dungeness, from Bow to the coast of France. This engagement will be described in greater detail later. It cost the enemy 185 aircraft known to have been destroyed. Altogether between the 6th September and 5th October he had lost 883 aircraft.

It is not necessary to record in detail the rest of the fighting which endured to the 31st October. Enough has been said to show the nature of the German effort and our defence. There were, however, three more major assaults delivered on the 27th September, 30th September and 5th October.

Thus, between the 11th September and 5th October the enemy delivered some 32 major attacks by day. In all these, bombers were used and their escort fighters steadily increased in numbers till the ratio rose to four fighters to one bomber. Of these attacks, fifteen were made on the area of Greater London, ten against Kent and the Thames Estuary, six on Southampton and one on Reading. While these last attacks were well executed and pressed home those on London were less determined than in the opening stages of the battle. On many occasions the enemy jettisoned his bombs before reaching his apparent objective, as soon as he found himself in contact with our fighters. Throughout this period the bombing attacks were mostly made from a high level. To enable their bombers to reach their targets, the Germans sought to draw off our fighter patrols by high altitude rather than by geographical diversions. High bombers, closely escorted by more fighters, tried to get through some 6,000 to 10,000 ft. below.

### Success Of British Fighter Interception

As Autumn came on and the sky grew cloudier, the enemy began to make increasing use of fighters flying very high above the clouds. His most usual practice was to put a very high screen of these fighters above Kent, from fifteen minutes to three quarters of an hour before his bombers appeared. His object was evidently to draw off our fighters, exhaust their petrol and thus make it impossible for them to engage his bombers. Sometimes, however, the high flying enemy fighters appeared only a few minutes before

the bombers which were themselves escorted by other fighters. These escorts, were normally divided into two parts—a big formation, above and on both flanks or in the rear of bombers, and a small formation the same level as or slightly in front of the aircraft they were protecting.

The enemy's high fighter screen was engaged by pairs of Spitfire Squadrons halfway between London and the coast, while wings of two or three Hurricane Squadrons attacked the bombers and their escorts before they reached the fighter aerodromes of East and South London. Other squadrons formed a third and inner ring patrolling above these aerodromes, forming a defensive screen to guard the Southern approaches to London. These intercepted the third wave of any attack and mopped up retreating formations belonging to earlier waves. The success of these tactics may be gauged by the number of casualties inflicted on the Germans. Between the 11th September and 5th October, No. 11 Group of the Fighter Command alone destroyed 442 enemy aircraft for certain. This was accomplished with a loss of 58 pilots, giving a ratio of 7½ enemy to one British pilot lost.

September came and went and, by the end of the first week of October, our aerodromes had recovered from the damage inflicted on them at the end of August and the beginning of September. The percentage of raids intercepted increased as did the casualties of the enemy, while our own steadily decreased. Thus, on the 27th September, No. 11 Group destroyed 99 German aircraft out of a total for the day of 133 for the loss of 15 pilots—a proportion of 6½ to 1. Three days later, when 32 enemy aircraft were destroyed, the proportion rose to 16 to 1 and, on the 5th October, only one pilot was lost though 22 enemy were shot down. Many times, one aggressively-led squadron was able to break up enemy bomber formations. On three occasions, a lone Hurricane, flown by a Sector Commander, was successful in causing the enemy to drop his bombs wide of the target. The brunt of all this fighting fell to No. 11 Group. This group was reinforced, when necessary, by elements of numbers 10 and 12 Groups which were especially useful during the period of the heavy attacks on London.

How hard fought was the battle, can be seen from the fact that from the 8th September to the 5th October inclusive, 3291 day patrols of varying strengths were flown and from the 6th October to the last day of that month 2786, making the total for these 55 days 6077.

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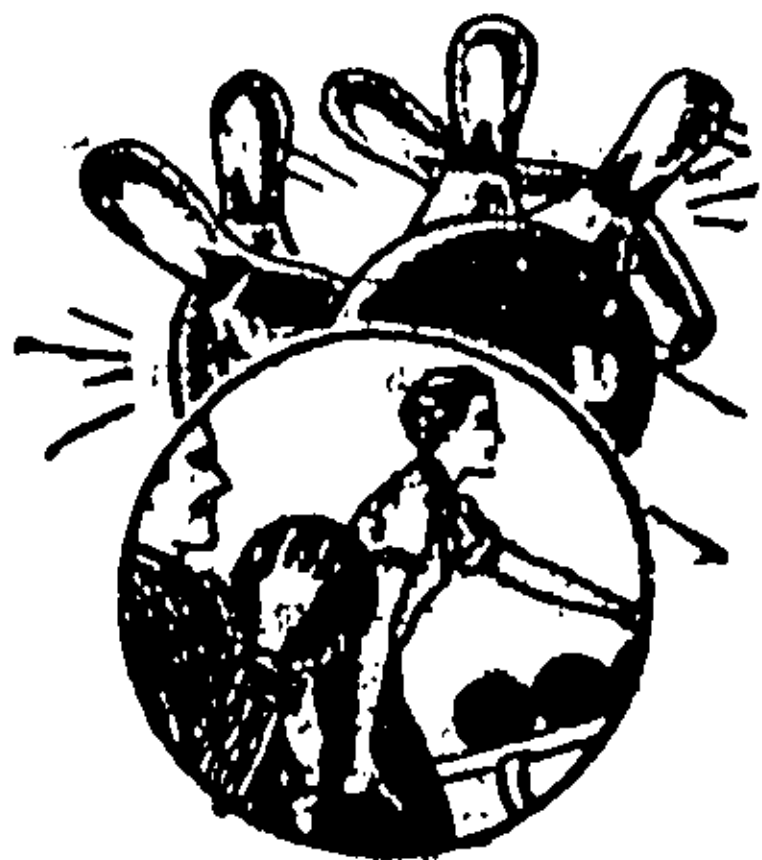
Arculli went the route for the H.B. nine and fanned six, whilst walking four, while Tulsa chucker McLanahan whiffed four and passed four before he was lifted in the fifth to be replaced by Stockton who accounted for three H.B. via the knockout route in the last two frames. Arculli was nicked for seven safeties, McLanahan yielded eight safeties during his mound tenure, and Stockton doled out one hit, which went for a three-bagger.

Blanking the Tulsamen in the first frame, H.B. jumped into a flying start with a trio of counters on Dave Leonard's first hit, coupled with three miscues and a brace of passed balls. Terry fanned the breeze in the next Tulsa frame, but Gunn slashed out a triple and Gerry Germonito dumped one which had hurler Arculli handcuffed for a perfect double steal set-up, but Gunn fell to the old catcher-to-short-to-catcher play for the second out. George Souza's expensive tumble of Bob Oszajec's roller was the beginning of a three-run spurge for the Tulsamen to knot the count three-all.

Bunching up four hits in a row, the Brewer Bombers produced three tallies in the third to take the lead again, whilst another cluster of three runs on a three-hit barrage in the next stanza put them ahead once more. George Souza, who had remained hitless all morning, slammed out a rousing triple, and romped over the pay-off station with the clincher when hurler Stockton threw one into the dirt.

### Ali's Perfect Batting

Hank "Showboat" Ali wielded his willow for a perfect 1,000 with two singles in both his batting chances, whilst Dave "Bam" Leonard, batting in the clean-up slot, connected safely three in four times to chase in three of his.



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mates, Gerry Germonito clouted safely two in three for the Mighty T.

Gunn and Souza both slammed out triples, whilst the other extra-base knock was batted in by Tulsa third-sacker Slapsie Maxwell.

A freak double-killing occurred in the fourth chapter, when the base-paths were clogged with Brewers who had only one out. Baby Abbas stroled up to the left side of the platter full of Ruthian intentions, but hurler McLanahan had other ideas!

Jumping away from the first pitch which went behind him, Abbas forgot to take his bat out of the way, and before astonished Abbas knew what had happened, the ball was trickling in the infield, for a perfect Terry to Simmons to Germonito twin-killing.

### Powlawski In Top Form

In the afternoon the Mindanao nine, last season's flag-winners, took a 4-1 verdict from the South China squad. Mindanao manager-catcher Powlawski, the Pulverising Polack, was in top form as he accounted for eight Nam Hwamen via the strike-out route with his greased lightning tosses, and only walked one on balls, whilst Chinese pitching discovery Kenny Moy, former Shanghai mound artist, limited the powerful Mindanao sluggers to only seven bingles in spite of the scratchy fielding behind him.

The sailors drew first blood, when they broke into the scoring column in the third frame, Ski Powlawski chasing Ruel in on a double, whilst Tony Muscavage pushed the Polack across on a single, and rounded all the bases himself on an outfielder's error. All three tallies were chalked up after two outs.

For four chapters Powlawski had the Chinese hitless and runless. In the fifth, Nelson Ma nicked one over right-gardener Kennard's head for an easy three-bagger, but was nailed at the plate by a mile when he attempted to stretch it into a four-master.

In the sixth the Chinese broke into the scoring column when Bab "Haw-haw" Strahl dropped an easy toss from Powlawski to give Wally Ching a life. Nip Lum grounded out to advance Ching, who scampered home for the only Chinese marker on a single by Hai Winglee to right, to save the Nam Hwamen from a whitewashing. Young Kwan poled out a triple in the last semester but died on the sacks.

### Germonito's Homer

In handing out a 25-0 calcimining to the Royal Engineers last Saturday, switch-hitter Gerry Germonito's base-cleaning four-master in the sixth was really unnecessary as the Mighty Tulsa were then 20 runs ahead.

Strickland went the whole way on the hill for the Tulsamen and whiffed 11 for an up-to-date knockout record this year, whilst Radcliffe, who pitched for the Sappers for one inning, was nicked for six blows, walked one and fanned one. Heath also pitched for one frame, yielding five safeties and passing one, whilst Lefty Mike Sarsfield fanned one, but cracked up towards the end and walked a total of nine Tulsamen for four chapters.

Blasting hurler Radcliffe for six safeties which produced eight markers in the first frame, the Tulsamen went right into the lead, which was further increased with two more clusters of five runs on

## ACCIDENTS AT THE VALLEY

By "Rapier"

Two accidents occurred this morning during the course of training at the Valley, but fortunately no injury of a serious nature developed as a result.

Mr. G. Treverton, Private Secretary to H. E. the Governor, was involved in the first accident. He took out Atlas, an old Australian Subscription Griffin, for its exercise, and on reaching the distant post the pony suddenly became restless, and taken by surprise, Mr. Treverton was unseated. At first it appeared as if he was hurt, but when Major Hoag went to his assistance he got up and, after resting a while against the rail, he was able to return to the Jockey Room unassisted. He was not seen out again.

### Trainer Thrown

The second accident occurred a short time afterwards, when Triumphant Day, belonging to Chau Bros., was taken out by its Chinese trainer, Ah Yee. On finishing its gallop, the pony collided with Blue Gown, ridden by Mr. Wong Yan, a Novice Jockey, at the seven furlongs post. The trainer was thrown, his head striking the ground, and had to be carried back to the Chinese Trainers' Room at the paddock. Triumphant Day was limping when it was caught.

## MORE TENNIS POSTPONEMENTS

There will be only two matches in Third Division of the Tennis League this afternoon, Club de Recreio and Hong Kong University meeting Army Tennis Club and Kowloon Cricket Club, respectively. The remainder of the matches have been postponed, owing to it is understood, to the unfitness of grounds.

Following have been chosen to represent Recreio:—F. J. Remedios and J. Fonseca; G. A. Noronha and H. A. Noronha; A. M. Silva and A. E. Noronha.

bunched up hits in the third and fourth to cinch the game.

Retired in one, two, three order, for the first two chapters, the Engineers put men on first and third in the next frame on two successive miscues by second-sacker Scott, but Harper was tossed out at the plate in an attempted double-steal to end the scoring threat.

In the same inning, Taylor beat out a roller for the first Sapper blow, whilst Heath belted a blooper in the last for the other hit earned off Strickland, who was in deadly form.

In spite of the strong opposition the spirit of the boys in khaki never flagged, and was right in there fighting for a tally until they fanned the breeze for the last putout to end the game.

The Canuckettes took the Standard Oilers 13-10 at La Chikok in a Softball picnic last Sabbath.

Mary Ng fanned six Pegasus men, and walked none, but was charged with one wild pitch, whilst Lopes passed two and issued one free ticket to first.

Hits were shared equally, with the Maple Leafs nicking Lopes and To for 12 blows, whilst Mary Ng also yielded a round dozen safeties. Canuckette hindsnatcher Dot Louie paced the batters with a perfect three-in-three, whilst Chan and Marques both cuffed in three safeties apiece in their four times to the plate. Poon Ting-thun and Lopes both clouted homers for the Oilers.

The victors committed five errors, of which shortstop R. Louie contributed three in five fielding chances. To King-chi was the erring Pegasusman, booting three chances.

## JUNE TITLE FIGHT PRESSED BY NOVA

IN KNOCKING OUT Max Baer, Lou Nova knocked Promoter Mike Jacobs' Summer schedule askew, writes a correspondent from New York. Ray Carlen, who pilots Nova, was insistent that his boxer capitalise quickly on his decisive triumph, and his argument was so vehement and convincing that Jacobs beat a hasty retreat to St. Louis to think the matter over.

Feeling that too long a delay would take the edge off what he considers his best fighting form, Nova commissioned Carlen to ask for a bout with Joe Louis in June for the latter's heavyweight championship of the world. But Louis, already tentatively matched with Billy Conn for a June scrap, and Jacobs seemed determined to keep that match on his schedule.

### Nova Spurs Conn

It had been Mike's plan to match Nova with the winner of the Louis-Conn struggle for a September meeting, but Baer's two-line conqueror would have none of that. Through Carlen, he pointed out that the articles for the Conn-Lou's battle call for a return battle within ninety days in the event of a victory for the Pittsburgh fighter, and such an eventuality would postpone Nova's opportunity at the title until next Spring.

On all sides the question has arisen, "Why doesn't Mike match Nova with Conn and have the winner fight Louis?" That seems the natural set-up, but it would be almost impossible for Jacobs to persuade Conn to give up his chance for the title to fight somebody else for the same chance. Nova, on the other hand, will not consider Conn as an opponent on the ground that the Pittsburgh fighter has done comparatively little to warrant such a battle.

Carlen made his demand for a bout with Louis with so much emphasis that Jacobs finally asked the manager to see him in St. Louis.

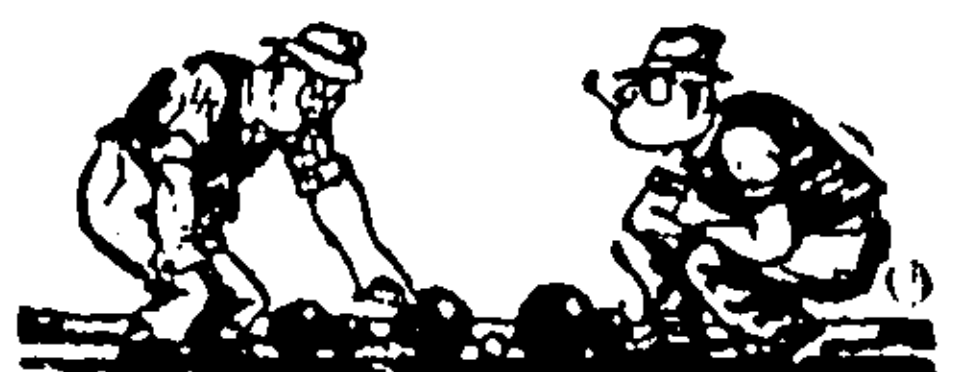
The promoter, if sufficient pressure is brought to bear on him, can scrap the Louis-Conn bout for June, inasmuch as official contracts have not yet been signed. Regardless of the opinions voiced by Conn and Nova, a meeting between them is the one that the average boxing follower wants to see and it would be not at all surprising if Jacobs brought them together two months hence.

### They Sent Their Managers

Neither Nova nor Baer appeared at the Twentieth Century headquarters to pick up his check, which amounted to \$22,303 each. They left that task to their managers. The beaten Baer, who bears no man ill-will, made it a point to visit Nova at his hotel, and the pair spent a pleasant couple of hours. Baer congratulated his fellow Californian, but pointed out what he considered a few flaws in Lou's make-up. Max refused to announce his retirement, insisting he would be back in the picture after "six months in the sunshine."

The beaten boxer carried considerable evidence of his ordeal of the night before, the right side of his face being swollen to the size of a grapefruit and evincing a purple scheme in which an angry purple was the motif.

Jacobs declared that the crowd at the Nova-Baer fight was the largest ever to see a bout in the Garden. The figures revealed 22,114 tickets had been sold, and the promoter explained there were more than a thousand complimentary ticket-holders in attendance. These uncounted observers, according to Jacobs, raised the total considerably over the figure of 23,190, the record created by the Fritz Zivic-Patrick Armstrong clash last January.



## BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for Saturday:—

### CLUB DE RECREIO

Recreio "B" will meet Recreio "A"—1st Division "B"—F. A. Machado, D. C. Alves, E. de Sousa and B. Busto (Skip); C. M. Silva, C. M. Basto, J. C. Remedios and J. J. Basto (Skip); C. Vas. A. F. Noronha, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Guterres (Skip). 1st Division "A"—Joe Luz, C. E. Marques, H. A. Alves and C. G. Silva (Skip); L. F. Xavier, C. Roza Pereira, J. E. Noronha and F. X. Silva (Skip); F. X. Soares, C. A. Lopes, F. V. V. Ribeiro and R. F. Luz (Skip). 2nd Division (v. H.K.F.C., Away)—E. L. Barros, H. M. Xavier, C. M. S. Alves and O. P. Remedios (Skip); A. J. Osmund, A. V. Barros, Fred A. Xavier and J. R. Soares (Skip); L. A. Rozario, F. J. A. Marques, C. C. Pereira and J. A. Remedios (Skip). 3rd Division (v. C.C.C., Home)—C. F. Rozario, F. Sequiera, M. F. Pinna and P. A. Yvanovich (Skip); A. A. Roza, E. Cunha, F. X. Monteiro and M. A. Carvalho (Skip); G. A. Pinna, G. Ribeiro, M. Mendonca and M. Alarcon (Skip).

## BASEBALL TO START NEXT MONTH

The baseball League season will open on Saturday, June 7, probably on the Chatham Road Ground.

### Entrance Fees

Entrance fees will be \$50 per team and \$100 for commercial teams. Members' and player's tickets will be issued as usual and intending entrants are reminded that they can recover the amount of their entrance fees by the sale of member's tickets issued by them.

Owing to the present unsettled situation, U.S.S. Tulsa, which has been admitted to the League, will be allowed to have U.S.S. Asheville substitute for them when they are away from the Colony with the proviso that, if both teams are here at the same time, they will not combine forces.

The following were elected officers:—

President:—Mr. B. C. Lawrence.  
Vice-President:—"Doc" Moltzen.

Hon. Secretary:—Mr. Roy Lau.  
Hon. Treasurer:—Mr. H. A. Barros.

Committee:—Mr. J. Welford (Royal Engineers), Mr. P. K. Lau (Chung Wah), Mr. C. W. Wagoner (Hong Kong Baseball), Mr. H. Winglee (South China), Paymaster Usher (Tulsa), Mr. P. J. Tonnochy (Hong Kong Beer), Lt. S. Goodman (Mindanao).



# THE SOLUTION TO MYSTERY OF ARSENAL SOCCER STAR

## Bryn Jones Grade Three To Medical Board

### Playing For Arsenal Does Not Pay

BRYN JONES, Arsenal's £14,000 piece of Soccer property and a Grade One star, is a Grade Three man. There I clear up much of the Bryn Jones mystery, writes Paul Irwin in the "Sunday Express." It is the reason why the Welsh wizard — the greatest thing on two footballing feet since Alex James — is not in the Army.

There are people who have slandered Bryn Jones. They have said that he has been dodging the Army. They have hinted that he is fit and strong. They have asked why this super star, a quick-silver performer able to stay ninety gruelling minutes in Cup or League stuff, has escaped the Service net at the age of twenty-eight.

So much for slander. Here are the facts as they came to me when I talked with Bryn in his father's home that clings to the face of the brooding mountains towering above Merthyr.

Listen to this. It is Bryn Jones talking for the first time on his Army medical examination.

"Am I dodging the Army?" Indeed I am not. "What can I do if they are not wanting me?" Back last June I registered with the twenty-sevens and about three weeks later went down from Merthyr to Pontypridd for my medical examination.

"The doctors went over me about three or four of them. And they turned me down, put me in a low grade. What was it? Grade Three."

"Seems funny, I know. Yet there it is. Even when I was called back for another examination about a fortnight later the same thing happened. They didn't change the grade of my medical fitness."

#### The Silent Knight

Now Bryn Jones isn't given to long speeches. He's the Silent Knight of Soccerdom. The magic is in his feet and his quick, thrusting football brain, not his tongue.

Yet, stung by the bluntness of my questions, the words came tumbling like the Taff down there in the valley below his house.

"What can I do about it?" he asked. "All that's left is to wait until they do want men from my grade. They're calling up some of them now, aren't they? Well, maybe my turn will come."

"I am ready to go. I don't want to dodge the Army. Indeed, I have never wanted to dodge it. There was talk that I should try to become a P.T. instructor. It didn't appeal to me. Anyhow, how would they view a Grade Three man?"

I couldn't answer that one. But I could crack another question at the great little Soccer star, a question that Bryn Jones seized and shook and tore to shreds like a Welsh terrier.

"Tell me, Bryn," sez I, "tell me why you don't play for Arsenal these days? Here you are, turning out pretty regularly for Aberaman, a small-time Welsh club, while Arsenal want you."

#### Pay Is The Same

The dark, crinkly headed boy—and for all his twenty-eight years Bryn Jones still has the eager freshness of an up-and-comer—looked up sharply.

"I know what you mean," he said quietly. "They are saying that I don't want to come to London because of the blitz. Isn't that it? Ah! It is silly."

"Here's why I have been playing for Aberaman and not Arsenal. I have only to go over the mountains eight miles to get to Aberaman. I can leave Saturday morning and be in time for the match. It is different when Arsenal want me. There's the journey down the valley to Cardiff and the trip to town, which means leaving here Friday night and not getting home till late Sunday."



was back home helped him when he was playing with Aberaman. After all, the locals were telling me that Bryn "Our Bryn," they say proudly, was turning in games that really put him into his £14,000 class.

#### The Secret

"Yes, it helps," came the answer. "The secret is that I now have time to carry out things. There's not the thought of League points that may be lost if you do a thing wrong. There's not the same class up against you. You can do things standing still."

So I left Bryn in this home town. Left him to his long morning walks over the mountains in weather-stained flannels and sturdy brogues "I keep fit that way" to the lectures he attends with his cullies at the Penyard Social Settlement and to his memories.

### FIRST C.B.C. POLO CLUB GALA GYMKHANA

The Chinese Bathing Club will hold their first swimming gala of the season at their pavilion at North Point on Saturday, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

#### OPEN EVENTS

Following is the programme.

Men's 200 metres Relay

Ladies' 100 metres Free-style

#### CLUB EVENTS

Children 50 metres Free-style

handicap

Ladies' 50 metres Free-style

handicap

Men's 100 metres Free-style

handicap

Blindfold Race

Ladies' 100 metres Breast-

stroke

Men's 50 metres Free-style

Obstacle Race

#### WATER-POLO

#### RESULTS

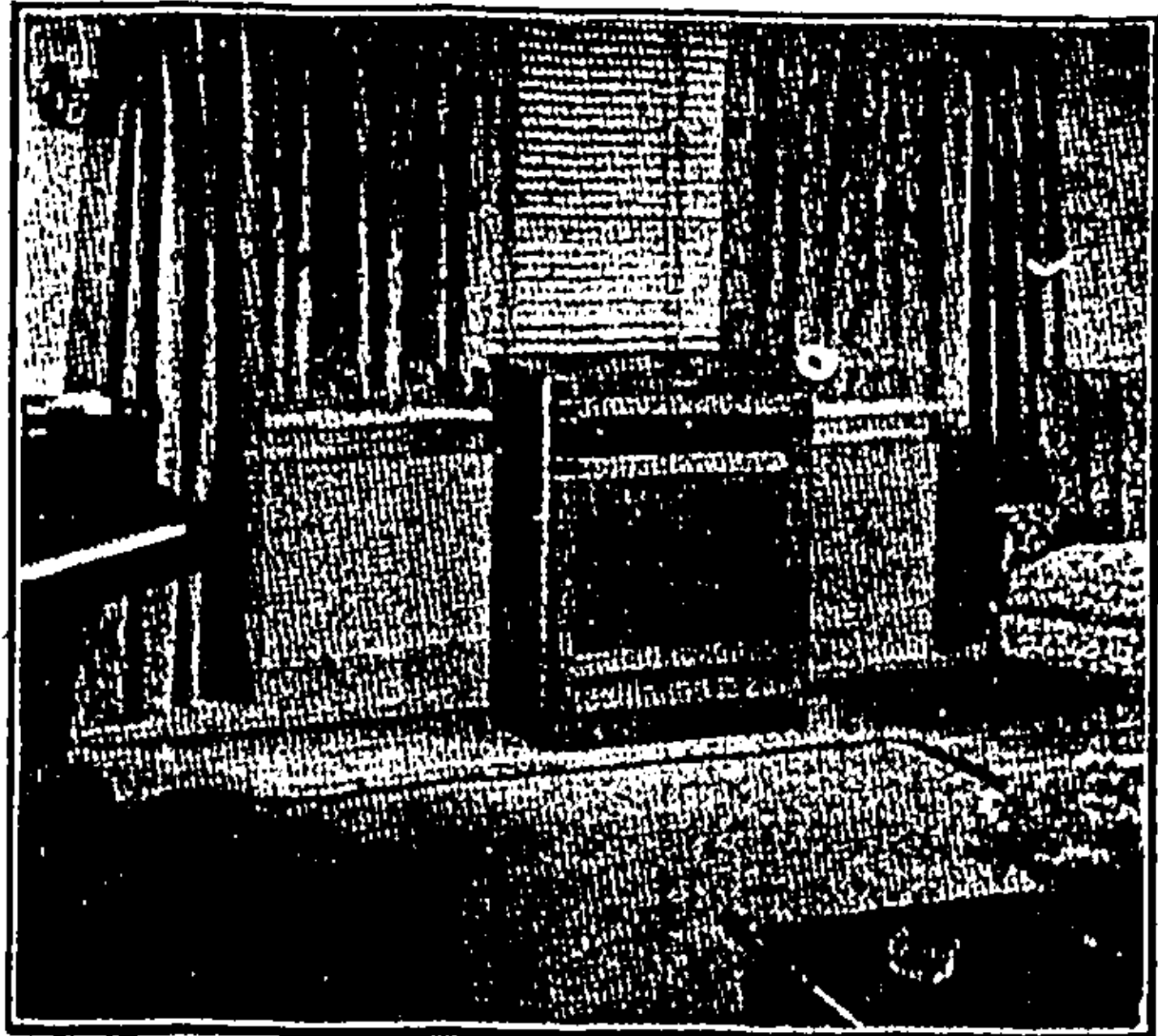
The following were the results of the European Water-polo League played yesterday: Y.M.C.A. 5, Middlesex "A" 2; Signals 2, Navy "C" 0.

The following is the list of entries, with the names of owners in brackets, for the "Show Jumping" competition of the H.K. Polo Club Gymkhana to be held at Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon, on Saturday, May 24.

"A" Class (China Ponies):—Canary (Capt. T. Whittaker), Dargen (J. K. Bousfield), Double Chance (Capt. P. J. T. Skipwith), Herga (J. C. A. Gundersen), Lady Luck (Cottage Club), March Brown (W. T. Stanton), That's That (L. A. Lewis), Trojan (L. A. Lewis), Three Farthings (Mrs. J. Whittaker).

"B" Class (Australian Ponies):—Bingo (Mrs. P. J. T. Skipwith), Brutus (G. Trevorton), Canberra Girl (Mrs. W. T. Stanton), Cape York (Dr. L. Reidy), Ruston (Cottage Club), George (Lt. E. A. Bompas), Horatio (G. O'Connor), King Solomon (Capt. A. Atkinson), Kiola (Capt. H. Marsh), Lady Precious Stream (J. R. Smith), Prince's Bridge (D. G. E. Middleburg), Queen Of Sheba (Capt. A. Atkinson), Spectrum (Mrs. P. J. T. Skipwith), Winter's Tale (Capt. F. S. Hancock), Barrah (Capt. E. J. A. Fielden).

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# VICHY AMBASSADOR IN U.S. LODGES PROTEST

Quotes Armistice To Justify Landings In Syria

## NO ESSENTIAL LIGHTENING OF ARMISTICE TERMS

An official German communique regarding the Franco-German negotiations was expected to be issued last night, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

Berlin assures the German public that concessions made to Vichy will not cancel any essential parts of the armistice terms. Reuter.

## N.Z. PREMIER REVIEWS TROOPS

The New Zealand Premier, Mr. Peter Fraser, yesterday reviewed New Zealand troops who had returned from Greece.

He declared "I know you are all ready to perform a similar task if called upon."—Reuter.

## LIMITED SYRIA INFILTRATION

About 50 German planes so far have crossed Syria. It is believed in London, according to Reuter.

## Threatened Seizure Of French Ships

M. HENRI HAYE, Vichy Ambassador in Washington, yesterday protested to the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, against what he termed an "unfriendly gesture" by the United States in placing French vessels in United States ports under protective surveillance.

M. Haye told the press he discussed with Mr. Hull the entire question of United States opinion concerning France at the present time, since the French Government were amazed at the reaction in the United States to present events in France, particularly the progress of Franco-German "collaboration."

M. Haye emphasised that Article 18 of the Franco-German armistice agreement stipulates that all French airports are to be under the control of Germany and Italy.

"THAT FACT HAS BEEN FORGOTTEN. IT WILL BE RECALLED," SAID M. HAYE.

He explained that under the armistice terms, German planes had a right to land on French airfields in Syria, and declared "Any attempts to split the French

people will fail," since there had been and would be "only one French nation, under our great leader, Marshal Petain."

### The Pledge

M. Haye continued: "We have pledged we are not going into the war but we claim the right of the French people to take what steps are necessary to meet our needs."

HE ADDED HE HAD REITERATED TO MR. HULL THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WOULD PROTECT ITS POSSESSIONS, SUCH AS MARTINIQUE AND DAKAR, AGAINST ANY ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THEIR SOVEREIGNTY. — REUTER

## Sheer Evasion

Commenting on the statement in which the French consul in Sydney, M. Lancial, deprecated "savage attacks upon Vichy" in connection with Syria, Sir Frederick Stewart, Australian Minister for External Affairs, said yesterday that it was sheer evasion to pretend Syria was powerless to prevent German planes using the aerodromes.

It was clear the French in Syria acted under Vichy instructions to place Syria at the disposal of the enemy.

Sir Frederick added, "Vichy's treacherous complicity with Germany is so manifest that French consular representatives in British countries would be best advised to exercise the greatest caution in their utterances and activities."—Reuter.

### CONTROL OF U.S. SHIPPING RATES

The U.S. House of Representatives yesterday passed and sent to the Senate the Bill giving the Maritime Commission authority to control shipping rates, cargoes and voyages in the interests of national defence.—Reuter.

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## STOP PRESS

THIS MORNING THERE WAS ONLY ONE NIGHT-SOIL CARRIER, A WOMAN, REMAINING IN CELLS AT CENTRAL POLICE STATION, THE REMAINDER HAVING BEEN RELEASED DURING THE NIGHT.

The women were taken into custody following a riot, in which over 500 participated, at the Urban Council Headquarters, General Post Office Building, yesterday afternoon.

One of the women has been admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from head injuries which she received "in a brawl."

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LUEN YIK GUILD, REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF THE FORMER NIGHT-SOIL COOLIES, MR. YUEN CHI-LING, WAS SUMMONED TO CENTRAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS, AT 9 A.M. TO-DAY.

It is understood that Yuen was requested to visit Headquarters in connection with the demonstration and riot stage at the Urban Council offices yesterday afternoon.



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#### DOCTRINE OF FUTURE EUROPE

"The doctrine of the future Europe consisting of five or six federated blocs working together, and working in such a way that no one bloc would ever be in a position to achieve hegemony in Europe, was very well received in America and was found to be highly reassuring."

General Sikorsky, the Polish Premier, who has recently returned to Britain from the United States, made this statement yesterday.

General Sikorsky discussed with President Roosevelt this plan to ensure a peaceful and prosperous Europe, and General Sikorsky says America is deeply interested in after the war reconstruction of Europe.

He also told a reporter "All official matters which I went over to raise have been satisfactorily settled."

"In Canada we have signed several agreements of a military as well as a financial character, as a result of which, within a month or two, military camps will be in being in Canada."—Reuter.

#### Patience Urged

"Within the next week the success or failure of the negotiations in Batavia will probably become clear," declares the Tokyo "Asahi Shimbun" this morning.

The newspaper counsels Japan to "hold on to patience and prudence, since the question of establishing a co-prosperity sphere all over East Asia is essentially of a peaceful nature."

It urges, meanwhile, that the Netherlands East Indies reconsider its policy "to cope with the swiftly changing situation in the world."—Reuter.

#### GERMAN GROUND STAFF AT ALEPPO

Aleppo airport, in Syria, is occupied by a German ground staff, and all the 20 or more Syrian airports are available for German use, says the Ankara correspondent of the Columbia Broadcasting System, quoted by Reuter.

#### ROOSEVELT STATEMENT OF "SOME GRAVITY"

President Roosevelt is expected to make a statement "of some gravity" to the nation this week, says Reuter from Washington.

#### NO SPECIAL MESSAGE

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DOES NOT EXPECT TO SEND ANY SPECIAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

He announced this at his press conference yesterday, thus disappointing upwards of 100 journalists present. They had jammed the President's office for what was expected to be a momentous conference, in expectation of an indication from the President of "a big decision."—Reuter.

#### FALLUJAH CAPTURE IMPORTANT

The great strategic value of the Iraqi town of Fallujah, captured by the British from the rebels, is stressed in Cairo military circles.

Fallujah Bridge is the only crossing of the Euphrates between Habbaniyah and Baghdad.

Had this narrow, one-way traffic bridge been destroyed—and it is thought that the rebels had mined it—Habbaniyah would have been cut off from British land-borne reinforcements, and since the Euphrates is in full flood, would have caused considerable embarrassment to British operations in this area.—Reuter.

#### CONFIRMED AS GOVERNOR OF MALTA

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR WILLIAM GEORGE SHEDDEN DOBBIE, KNOWN AS THE "MODERN GORDON" OWING TO HIS RELIGIOUS FERVOUR, HAS, THE COLONIAL OFFICE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, BEEN APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF MALTA.

Sir William has been administering the Government of Malta since he assumed command of

THE GERMAN ATTACK ON CRETE, WHICH BEGAN JUST BEFORE DAWN YESTERDAY MORNING AND WHICH WAS PREFACED ON MONDAY BY A HEAVY AIR BOMBARDMENT, HAD BEEN EXPECTED, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF MAJOR-GENERAL FREYBERG, V.C., AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, TOGETHER WITH REINFORCEMENT OF THE DEFENCES AND MANPOWER, WERE INDICATIONS OF ALLIED PREPAREDNESS.

Crete is a considerable menace to the enemy because of its proximity to the mainland, but its capture will prove extremely difficult.

Lacking sea power, Germany must rely on air-borne troops, lacking landing grounds—the island is very mountainous—Germany must rely on parachute troops.

Use of engineless gliders, which can land more easily on uneven ground, was a surprise move, but the defenders were not caught unawares.

The British and Allied forces are assisted in the island's defence by the warlike Cretan hillmen, whose womenfolk even are accustomed to the constant necessity of fighting to protect their homes.

Led by "The captains of the Hills," such as Captain Holy George, who had killed 10 men when he was still only nine years old, and the thrack-bearded giant Captain Tan, the hillmen are banded together armed chiefly with knives and swords.

THEY CONSTITUTE A FORMIDABLE "HOME GUARD" AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, AND CAN BE RELIED UPON TO DEAL WITH ANY NAZI PARACHUTISTS UNFORTUNATE ENOUGH TO FALL INTO THEIR HANDS.—REUTER.

#### Great Emotion

The Rome correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten," writing of the Duke of Aosta, says: "The capitulation has caused great sorrow and profound emotion" in Rome.

Rome had hoped that the Duke's prolonged resistance would have prevented the British withdrawing troops for use in Libya.

However, according to the "National Zeitung," Berlin circles say the Duke's capitulation is unimportant because the main part of the British forces in Abyssinia had withdrawn long ago and sent to Libya and Iraq.—Reuter.

the troops in April, 1940, with the exception of a short period in May, 1940, immediately before General Sir Charles Bonham-Carter left the colony.—Reuter.

#### GERMAN ATTACK SMASHED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The fall of Italy's last big stronghold in East Africa, Amba Alagi, was followed by the announcement in Cairo that a new attempt by two German-Italian armoured columns to invade Egypt was smashed.

British Imperial mechanised troops and low-swooping R.A.F. and South African bombers hammered the Axis columns back into Libya.—International News Service.

#### LOSS OF "CAMITO"

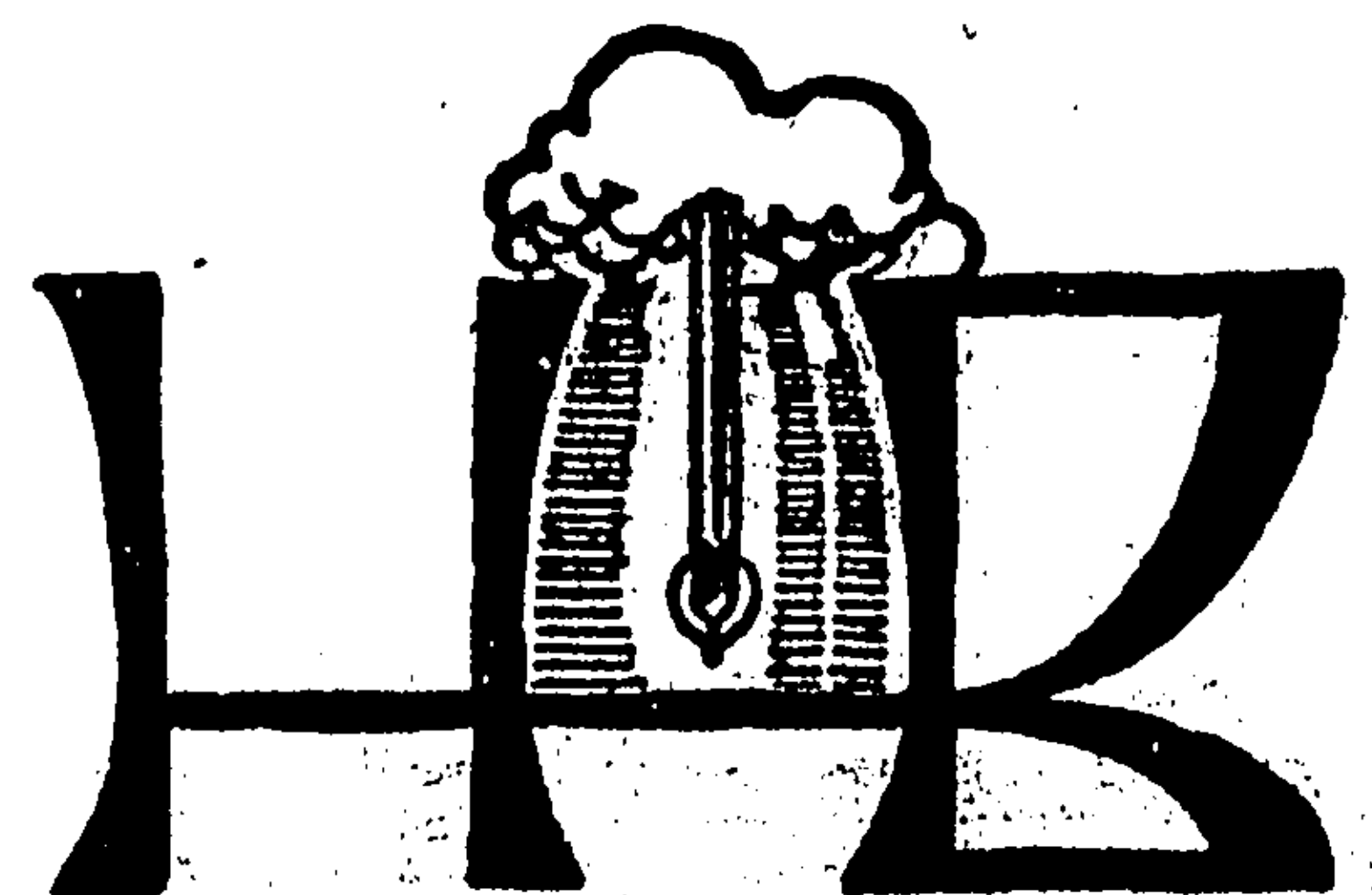
The sinking of the Royal Naval Auxiliary vessel "Camito" was announced by the Admiralty in London yesterday, says Reuter.

#### NOT SENT THROUGH TURKEY

WAR MATERIAL SENT FROM SYRIA HAS NOT GONE THROUGH TURKISH TERRITORY, ACCORDING TO A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

This source reveals the war material was sent by rail to Aleppo, where it was unloaded and transferred to a fleet of Iraqi lorries which conveyed the material by road to Mosul.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!



# CRETE SITUATION NOW IN HAND

Premier Makes Unexpected Statement In House

## Colourful Detail Of Cut And Thrust At Sollum

THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, MADE ANOTHER SURPRISE STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, DISCLOSING DRAMATIC NEWS THAT THE SITUATION IN CRETE IS NOW IN HAND.

He recalled that he had, earlier in the day, mentioned the beginning of a serious attack upon Crete, and thought the House would like to know, before it separated, what was the latest Government information.

Mr. Churchill said: "I cannot pretend that this statement is of momentous importance. It is only because we are altogether and I thought the House was most anxious I should keep them fully informed.

"After a good deal of intense bombing of Suda Bay and various aerodromes in the neighbourhood about 1,500 enemy troops, carrying New Zealand battle axes, (indignant cry) landed by gliders, parachutes and troop-carriers in the Canea-Malemi area.

"This message was sent at noon to-day and the military reported the situation was in hand.

A LATER REPORT, AT 3 P.M., SAYS THERE IS CONTINUOUS RECONNAISSANCE ACCOMPANIED BY SPORADIC BOMBING AND MACHINE GUNNING, CHIEFLY AGAINST THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCES.

"The military hospital between Canea and Malemi, which was captured by the enemy, has now been recaptured.

### One Party Left

"A fairly strong enemy party is reported south of the Canea-Malemi road, which is not yet mopped up, but other parties are thought to be accounted for.

"I thought people would like to hear how the action so far has developed." (Cheers.)

Earlier Mr. Churchill, referring to the South African troops in Abyssinia, said they had been ordered by General Smuts to go forward and now, as this theatre is closing down, they are to move northwards to the Mediterranean. (Cheers.)

"As two British and Indian divisions gained laurels in the fighting at Kassala, and all the way from Kassala to Keren and up to the final events.

"These Indian divisions consist of six Indian battalions and three British battalions. Their ardour and careful endurance of hardship has won the high regard of their British comrades.

Sometimes we have seen cases where not a single British officer remained. And a battalion conducted itself in a most effective manner.

"Any account of this campaign reflects very high honour upon the soldiers of India of all castes and creeds engaged.

### Sollum Action

"The second event which has occurred since we were last here is the remarkably well sustained action at Sollum.

"This is of interest because it was fought exclusively between British and German troops.

"IT HAS NOT, I SUPPOSE, BEEN FOUND WORTH WHILE TO MAINTAIN ITALIAN TROOPS AT THE END OF SUCH A LONG AND PRECARIOUS LINE OF COMMUNICATION. (LAUGHTER.)

"The fighting was severe but not on a very large scale.

"Several of our motorised brigades, supported by armoured brigades and strong artillery, advanced 30 miles from the position where they have been deployed for some weeks past and attacked the enemy—taking Sollum, Hell Fire Pass and Fort Capuzzo—and armoured troops had got well

round the flank and were well in the situation at about 1 p.m. on May 17.

### Resolute Counter-Attack

"But the Germans launched a resolute counter-attack with about 40 tanks and recaptured Capuzzo. That entailed the withdrawal of the armoured brigades from the advantageous position which it had attained. The operations were, therefore, indecisive.

"The Germans claim 100 British prisoners. We have 500 German prisoners, and their losses in tanks and personnel are certainly as heavy, if not heavier, than ours. "But this operation must be regarded as a background. For over six weeks past the Germans have been proclaiming they would shortly be in Suez and have been making much credit with the neutral world by spreading such a statement.

"It is therefore satisfactory to see that we have retained strong offensive power and that fighting is being maintained, at any rate, on even terms in the advanced areas of approach to Egypt." (Cheers.)

## AIRMEN FAMILY TRAGEDY

Announcement yesterday that Flying-Officer Henry Francis Dempster Breese is missing, marks a triple family tragedy of the war.

His father, Air Vice-Marshal C. D. Breese, was killed on active service as result of a flying accident, it was announced in March.

His elder brother, Flight-Lt. J. C. Breese, is a prisoner of war in Germany.—*Reuter.*

## CLEANING UP DESK FOR MR. MENZIES

THE AUSTRALIAN WAR CABINET HAS CLEARED UP OUTSTANDING BUSINESS IN PREPARATION FOR THE RETURN OF THE PREMIER, MR. MENZIES, FROM NORTH AMERICA AT THE WEEK-END.

Mr. Menzies will broadcast a message to the nation immediately on arrival.

Mr. Fadden, Acting Premier, will hand over to Mr. Menzies officially on May 28.—*Reuter.*

## KILLED ON LEAVE: NO PENSION

If a soldier is killed in Britain during his "off" hours, his dependants are not entitled to a pension. If he is serving abroad his dependants get the pension, as service abroad implies continuous duty.

Sir Walter Womersley, Minister of Pensions, confessed this glaring anomaly of military law in the House of Commons when replying to Mr. Beverley Baxter (Cons., Wood Green).

Mr. Baxter quoted the case of a former constituent who was killed in the black-out while returning from leave.

"This man's widow was refused a pension," said Mr. Baxter, "yet he was performing his duty and returning on time to the camp."

"Sir Walter Womersley is a humane Minister," Mr. Baxter added, "but his decisions are not always wise."

Sir Walter, in reply, said this question of "on and off duty" had caused some considerable difficulty.

If a man serving in the last war was killed abroad, a pension was granted whatever the cause. He was supposed to be on duty all the time.

The granting of a pension in the circumstances cited would be against King's Regulations.

Mr. Baxter interposed to point out that this country had become the battlefield.

Sir Walter added that he was giving very careful consideration to this "on and off" duty regulation and was working with a view to improving the position of those who claimed.

Captain Margesson, Secretary of State for War, told the House that free travelling warrants granted to soldiers when their homes had been damaged by enemy action were to be granted to officers below field rank.

## MODERATE STOCK MARKET TURNOVER

Turnover on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was moderate. Industrials encountered selective buying for investment with further enquiry for textile preference issues. Shipping shares continued the upward trend, chief interest being centred in Indo-China Deferred, which advanced from 95/- to 102/6. Gilt-edged securities showed fractional losses. Foreign issues were mainly firm; Japanese bonds attracted more attention as did certain Argentine issues. Kaffirs were firm. Wall Street was lethargic.—*Reuter.*

## RELIEF TO COST U.S. LESS

President Roosevelt has asked Congress for an \$886,000,000 relief appropriation for the year beginning July 1. This amount is \$100,000,000 below the estimate in the budget, says *Reuter* from Washington.

## "U.S. ABOUT TO TAKE A DECISIVE STEP"

The Polish Premier, General Sikorski, who has just returned to England from the United States, said yesterday "The United States is about to take a decisive step." — *Reuter.*

## WOMEN DON'T TIP AS GENEROUSLY AS MEN

Women don't tip as liberally as men, Judge Gordon Alchin, at Edmonton, North London, County Court, was told by a Wood Green hairdresser sued for arrears of rent, who pleaded that his income had dropped and tips averaged only 5s. a week.

The Judge: I suppose most of your best customers were young men who have joined the Army? Yes, sir, and I am a ladies' hairdresser now.

## LOYALTY OF THE REAL IRAQ

"Well established information reaching me makes me certain that the people of Iraq and the majority of army officers repudiate and condemn this subversive movement," the Regent, Emir Abdullah, told *Reuter* somewhere in the Middle East.

"They maintain the highest loyalty to the constitution of Iraq and to the Treaty of Alliance concluded by the late King Feisal with Britain."

"It is probable that the people of Iraq will assert this feeling."

The Emir added that the Iraq coup d'etat was carried out by "a handful of individuals working in the interests of foreign powers." — *Reuter.*

Rafael Trujillo, Dictator of the Dominican Republic, arrived in Nassau from New York yesterday. He is to meet the Governor, the Duke of Windsor, and the Duchess, at Government House. — *Reuter.*

# CHANCE OF NAZI SUCCESS VERY SLENDER

(By *Reuter's* Diplomatic Correspondent)

THE GERMAN ATTEMPT to establish a foothold in Crete by parachutists and airborne troops, is unquestionably a most daring and hazardous move. The chances of success are slender.

It can be regarded as a big gamble but is probably intended as a full-dress rehearsal for other invasion plans against Britain.

As far as it is possible to guess the German plans from the meagre data available, they will probably try to seize the coastal strip, so that blockade-runners can be rushed across from Greek waters while British warships are kept off by heavy air attacks.

Parachutists may also try to seize aerodromes and may attempt to sow panic among the population by indiscriminate shooting.

The Cretans have always been among the best Greek soldiers and it is most unlikely the Germans will find Fifth Columnists among them.

Although no figures are available for the strength of the British, New Zealand and Greek forces in Crete, there is no reason to doubt they would be more than a match for any airborne troops whose numbers necessarily are limited.

### Guerrilla War

The R.A.F. can be relied on to take severe toll of the heavy Junkers' planes, and the Royal Navy, with an anchorage in Suda Bay, should be in a position to maintain a pretty effective blockade against any approach from the Greek coast or the Dodecanese.

Parachutists, who are able to carry ammunition and iron rations for several days, may be able to institute some form of guerrilla warfare, but the odds against the invaders are heavy.—*Reuter.*

## LOSSES IN SHANSI BATTLES

WHILE ADMITTING THAT A CHINESE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, GENERAL WANG CHUN, WAS KILLED IN ACTION IN THE CHUNTIAOSHAN BATTLE, IN SOUTHERN SHANSI, THE CHINESE MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN CHUNGKING DENIED THE JAPANESE ALLEGATION THAT TWO CHINESE ARMY CORPS COMMANDERS AND A DIVISIONAL COMMANDER WERE KILLED AND ONE DEPUTY DIVISIONAL COMMANDER TAKEN PRISONER.

"With the fighting at Chuntiaoshan on such a large scale," the spokesman said, "there are bound to be heavy casualties on both sides."

"After a fortnight of desperate fighting, in which the Japanese suffered heavy casualties, the situation is now developing in the Chinese favour." — *Reuter.*



# Mr. Churchill Declines To Be Drawn On Subject Of Hess

## NAUSEATING RHAPSODIES IN PRESS

**MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL REFUSED TO BE DRAWN ON THE SUBJECT OF RUDOLF HESS WHEN QUESTIONERS BOMBARDED HIM IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.**

Major Vyvyan Adams asked whether it had been established whether Hess's visit was planned with the German Government's connivance.

The Prime Minister replied: "I am not yet in a position to make a statement on this subject, and I am not at all sure when I shall be."

Major Adams then asked if Government have actively in mind the possibility that the whole stunt may be a common or garden plant; also whether they will discourage the press from renewing their "nauseating rhapsodies on this blood-stained crook." (Laughter and cheers).

The Prime Minister: "I certainly do not feel I ought to retract in any way from the vehemence of Major Adams' statement." (Laughter).

### Delicate Appetite

Mr. Robert Tylor (Labour) complained of press descriptions of "this man's very delicate appetite and the means taken to satisfy it."

Mr. Tylor added: "Our people believe there are many people in concentration camps who had just as delicate appetites, and they are not satisfied in this case."

The Prime Minister: "Yes, certainly, but as far as I am at present advised, he is being treated as a prisoner of war and will receive treatment appropriate for a prisoner."

### Nazi Efforts

The German propagandists are still trying to explain away the Hess incident, says the diplomatic correspondent of "The Times."

The whole affair is now closed, they announced at the week-end, after a week in which they had declared with equal fervour that Hess was mad, that he was perfectly sane, that he knew nothing of importance, that the British would torture him into revealing vital German secrets, that he had been lured across the North Sea into a cunning British trap, that he was an idealist who freely undertook a dangerous mission for the sake of the fatherland, that he was Hitler's successor and that he was not Hitler's successor. —Reuter.

### "Entertaining"

Asked if he had noticed a Press description of Hess as an idealist, Mr. Churchill replied:

"I do not think I can indulge in this retrospective censorship of the Press."

"There was very great public interest in this matter. We were not able to give any guidance."

"The Germans gave different guidance every day and the Press naturally endeavoured to satisfy the public by recording all kinds of details that came to their hand."

"It seems to me that the whole episode has been entertaining as well as important."

### Nazi "Guidance"

The different and contradictory "guidance" which the Nazi propaganda machine has been giving on the subject of Rudolf Hess and to which the Prime Minister referred in the Commons yesterday must be sorely tried to find an explanation of a laudatory article printed in the official party newspaper "Essener National Zeitung," once the property and still frequently the mouthpiece of Goering.

The article was published on

April 27, commemorating the eighth anniversary of Hess becoming Deputy Fuehrer, and said: "Some time ago — just before the outbreak of this war — Rudolf Hess was once described as 'the conscience of the party.'"

"If we ask why the Fuehrer's Deputy was given this honourable name the reason is clear."

### Reason Is Clear

"There is no single aspect of our public life with which the Deputy Fuehrer does not have to concern himself. His sphere of activity is so wide and many-sided that it simply cannot be described in a few words."

"And it lies in the nature of the Deputy Fuehrer's duties that the public hears little of his influence. Very few people know that many Government measures—especially those concerned with war production and with the party—which are particularly applauded by the public because they take such strong account of the real feeling of the people, are to be attributed to the personal initiative of the Fuehrer's Deputy." —British Wireless.

## NEW U.S. ECONOMIC ADVISER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT CALLED IN MR. LUBIN, COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR STATISTICS, AS HIS ECONOMIC ADVISER ON THE LEASE AND LEND PROGRAMME, AND PREPARED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO CREATE A NATIONAL HOME DEFENCE ORGANISATION.

While Mr. Lubin's appointment has not been announced officially, it is learned he will head the division of economic defence designed to check and counter the Axis barter drive for world trade. —International News Service.

## FRENCH AND MARTINIQUE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") It was announced in Vichy yesterday that the Government was suspending all transhipment visas to the French island of Martinique and possessions in the Caribbean, on account of the uncertainty of the situation of these islands.

Lately, United States warships have been patrolling the areas around the French islands. —International News Service.

## RICE SITUATION IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Shanghai's rice situation is no longer a problem, with hoarders unloading stocks at prices below the Council's limit.

The Special Branch of the S.M.P. is investigating complaints that retailers are selling an inferior grade at the Council's price of \$110 per picul. —International News Service.

## FRENCH PILOTS IN SYRIA DESERT

The Cairo correspondent of the Independent French Agency says a certain number of French planes have been flown over the Syrian frontier by their pilots to join General de Gaulle. —Reuter.

## ULSTER TO CONSCRIPT FOR WAR

Conscription is to be imposed in Northern Ireland and Government's decision to do so will be announced shortly by the Premier, Mr. Andrews.

Northern Ireland was omitted from the Statute of the Conscription Act imposed in Britain in 1939, on account of a strong representation made to Government by Mr. de Valera, the Eire Premier, who stated that if imposed it would lead to strong opposition from the nationalist minority in Northern Ireland.

The position has changed since then with the bombing of Belfast, in which homes of all parties were bombed alike and assistance was given from Eire by their fire and ambulance services.

It does not look, therefore, as if there will be any great stirring of minority public opinion in Northern Ireland when the decision is announced. —Reuter.

## AUSTRALIA'S TEXTILE PRODUCTION

Australia's textile production for war purposes was outlined by Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Premier, yesterday.

He said that as a result of the Delhi Conference last year Australia was asked to supply very large quantities of equipment for other parts of the Empire which were partly met from accumulated stocks but, with large orders now to fulfil from Delhi, the most intensive effort on the part of industries and some sacrifice on the part of the community would be necessary.

With recent overseas orders, work already allocated plus local requirements for the next nine months, would throw an enormous strain on the spinning, weaving, knitting, woollen and associated industries, also the boot industry.

Total value of recent orders approximated £7,000,000 while those under immediate discussion were estimated at another £4,000,000. —Reuter.

### RUBBER QUOTA

The International Rubber Regulation Committee yesterday fixed the quota for the third quarter at 100 per cent. This is unchanged from the previous quota. —Reuter.

## MEANING OF THE DEFECTION OF HERR HESS

**HOWEVER MAGNIFICENT his military machine, Hitler can hold his success only if he satisfies his own people, says the "Seattle Post-Intelligencer."**

Whatever the primary cause of Hess's disaffection, one element very near the cornerstone of the Nazi edifice has crumbled. If that breach can widen, the whole unsound structure may collapse.

This would benefit the German people, who cannot hope for peace or for a healthy national development while their frenzied leadership, with each victory, looks for new worlds to conquer.

Henri Bernstein, in a letter to the "New York Times," says that when Marshal Petain orders the French people to follow him along the path of honour, he is actually suggesting they follow him down his road to treason.

"WHAT HE INTENDS OUR COUNTRY TO DO IS PLACE ITSELF IN COMPLETE DEPENDENCE ON ITS MORTAL ENEMY, GERMANY."

"England kept her promise to us. She has done more than that."

"In the hour of defeat, in the hour when we left her alone in the field of battle, she revealed herself to be a most generous friend. No word of reproach fell from the lips of her statesmen." —Reuter.

### CONSULATE CLOSED

The offices of the Consulat de France, will be closed to the general public to-morrow, 22nd May, being the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady.

## GOOD USE FOR A BOMB

An out-size bomb, lying on its side at the foot of the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral, is sufficiently out of the ordinary to attract the attention of the least curious.

The missile which has lain in this position recently is one of the Nazis' master efforts; it weighs 1,000 kilograms, or one ton. Fortunately for the neighbourhood of the City where it was dropped it failed to explode; after the fuse had been removed it was dug up and laid at the foot of St. Paul's, with a label round its neck indicating that it may be used as a receptacle for contributions to the Spitfire Fund.

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# ROOSEVELT OFFER TO SHIP FOOD TO IRELAND

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT announced an offer to ship food to Ireland, and also the creation of a structure of civilian defence in the United States, in the course of his press conference yesterday.

The President said the United States had offered to sell or charter two ships to Ireland and supply \$500,000 worth of food for the Irish civilian population.

The ships are to be manned by Irish crews and the purchase of food will be financed from a special Red Cross relief appropriation of \$50,000,000, \$500,000 being additional to any purchase made by Ireland herself.

President Roosevelt indicated no armaments would be available for sale to Ireland, following the United States' general rule to supply munitions only to active belligerents.

Ships for Ireland would be placed under the Irish flag. They would probably carry much more than \$500,000 worth of food because Eire intends to make purchases on her own account.

Concerning the civil defence plan, President Roosevelt announced he had established by executive order an Office of Civilian Defence which would be headed by Mayor LaGuardia of New York.

## Two Divisions

The President divided the new defence agency into two general divisions, one being the Board of Civilian Protection, with Mayor LaGuardia as chairman and including also representatives of the Departments of War, Justice and Navy.

The Board will advise and assist in the formulation of civilian defence measures and will attempt to provide "adequate protection of life and property" in the event of an emergency.

The second division will include a "Volunteer Participation Committee," with representatives of various regions and interests of the nation.

Mr. LaGuardia would be unpaid and would remain Mayor of New York. — Reuter.

## NEW BANK OPENS IN SHANGHAI

Another new bank, known as the Shanghai Municipal Recovery Bank, capitalised at \$2,000,000, will be inaugurated shortly in Shanghai as a result of preparations made by the Shanghai Municipal Government, says the Japanese-sponsored Central Press Service.

Establishment of the bank marks realisation of an important step in an immense programme, which the Municipal authorities are endeavouring to bring to early fruition, for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Greater Shanghai, says the report.

Both Government and private interests will be represented in the Bank in a ratio of 51 to 49. Government shares will be taken up entirely by the Shanghai Municipal Government while private shares will be open to public subscription. — Reuter.

## CONVERSATION PIECE

Mrs. Daisy Warner, of Cleveland, U.S., Museum of Art, asserts that the hieroglyphics at the bottom of the museum's 2600 B.C. Egyptian bas relief say: "Nice weather we're having." — Associated Press.

## U.S. BOMBERS IN SERVICE IN N. AFRICA

AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURED IN THE U.S. HAVE BEEN USED AS BOMBERS IN THE NORTH AFRICAN CAMPAIGN FOR THE FIRST TIME.

They participated in the bombardment of enemy positions around Fort Capuzzo on the afternoon of May 18, it was revealed by the Air Ministry news service yesterday.

Heavy bombs were dropped on German tanks and mechanised vehicles dispersed near the old Capuzzo aerodrome.

The squadron in question has an American citizen on its nominal roll. He is a sergeant air gunner, who received the D.F.M. for gallantry in the Abyssinian campaign. — Reuter.

## FOOD CACHES AGAINST RISK OF INVASION

As part of the preparations against risk of invasion the Food Ministry has already appointed in certain parts of the country voluntary food organisers to look after local food supplies should the committees in which they live be isolated by the enemy. Over 500 volunteers have already been appointed. — Reuter.

## Y.M.C.A. WORK FOR R.A.F.

The Duke of Kent yesterday visited Y.M.C.A. Headquarters in London as Chief Welfare Officer of the Home Commands of the R.A.F. to convey the thanks of the R.A.F. for urgent needs met by the Y.M.C.A. at isolated stations in all parts of the country, particularly during the last difficult ten months. — British Wireless.

## IT CAN (AND DOES) HAPPEN IN ENGLAND

FOOD AND DIETICIAN experts recently set a standard of living costs in which they stated the lowest income to provide the "human needs" was 66s. for a family of five and 48s. 6d. for a family of three. Many people doubted if it was possible to live on this figure.

Not only is it possible, but in Liverpool there are families living below what the experts fixed as a poverty line or bare subsistence level—40s. 9d. for a family of five and 29s. for a family of three.

Widows with two children are existing on a weekly income of 26s. 4½d. or 2s. 7½d. below the poverty line, while others are living only a shilling or two above this level.

The average income in Liverpool of a working man with a wife and three children under six years of age is computed to be 70s. to 75s. a week.

How they manage is a problem revealed by experienced investigators in a report issued by the Social Science Department of Liverpool University on the cost of living of representative working-class families.

It is asserted that in spite of the busy hum of munitions machinery there are still a number who fail to keep pace with life.

Cases are quoted of families of five who have on'y 22s. a week to spend on food, 6s. 6d. on rent and rates, 2s. on clothing, 1s. 4d. on cleaning, 1s. 9d. on light, 4s. 6d. on fuel, and 6s.

11d. on necessary sundries. Some widows have only 11s. 3d. a week for food for themselves and their two children. Harassed housewives and husbands dissatisfied with war-time menus may like to know what they live on.

There is neither fresh milk nor fruit, very little tea, and most of the substantial meals are of stew.

The family budget for seven days is 1½lb. of stewing meat at 1s. 9d.; lamb's head 6d.; bones, 5d.; margarine, 7½d.; tin of milk, 5d.; sugar, 7½d.; jam, 11½d.; breakfast oil, 1s. 5½d.; half a pound of barley, 3d.; bread 2s. 4d.; potatoes, 1s. 9d.; and cabbage and carrots one penny each.

Doubt has been expressed as to whether this standard of living bears any relation to real life, and whether any family could exist on the diet, but the report gives assurances that many are unfortunately obliged to live at no higher level for weeks on end.

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By BUD FISHER



## R.A.F. IN LIVELY ACTIVITY IN MIDDLE EAST

R.A.F. COUNTER-MEASURES to the latest Nazi efforts in the eastern Mediterranean are described in an R.A.F. Middle East communique which states: "Iraq and Syria — aircraft of the R.A.F. bombed military targets in and around Fallujah prior to the entry of our troops into the town.

Our aircraft also attacked Palmyra aerodrome, in Syria, where German aircraft were machine-gunned and bombed.

Greece and Crete during the Crete battle at night reported eight of May 18/19 heavy rain. Five aircraft were destroyed in a night raid on German occupied Crete. In addition to these already claimed aerodromes in Greece. Three Libyans in the Western Desert, very violent explosions and a R.A.F. bomber and fighter aircraft were carried out in a series of attacks. At Elbus one building attacked on enemy motor transport received a direct hit and several and mechanical units.

Enemy aircraft carried out a sustained attack throughout Monday on aerodromes in Crete.

A hospital at Cana was bombed and machine-gunned and some casualties caused to hospital staff.

### Five More Destroyed

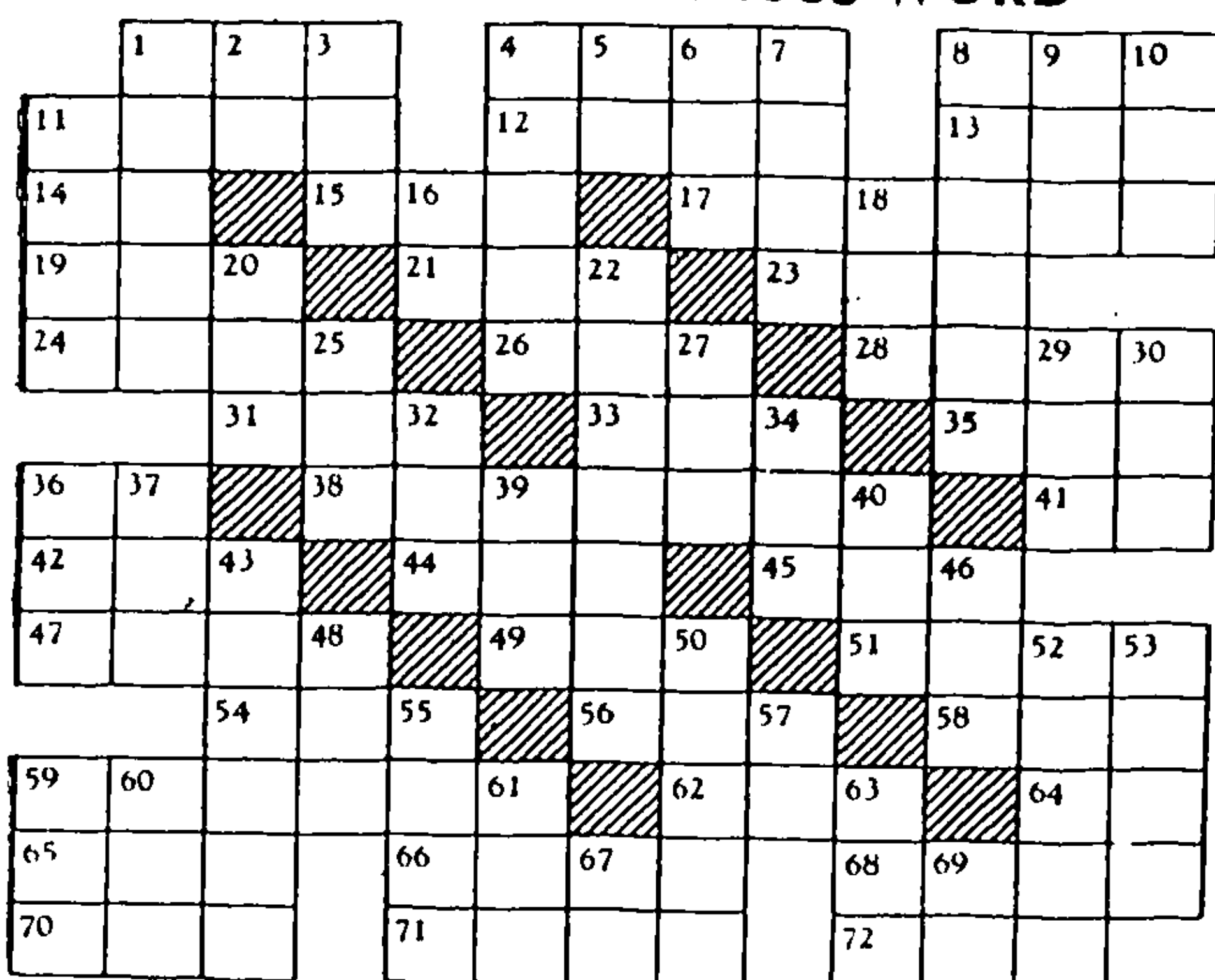
Later reports disclose that on May 16 much greater damage was done to enemy aircraft over

A number of these vehicles were burned and many others made unserviceable by being ditched at the roadside. Some of the vehicles contained troops.

In a raid carried out on Benghazi on the night of May 18/19 no fewer than 28 explosions were caused in buildings on the mole.

From all these operations three of our aircraft are missing.

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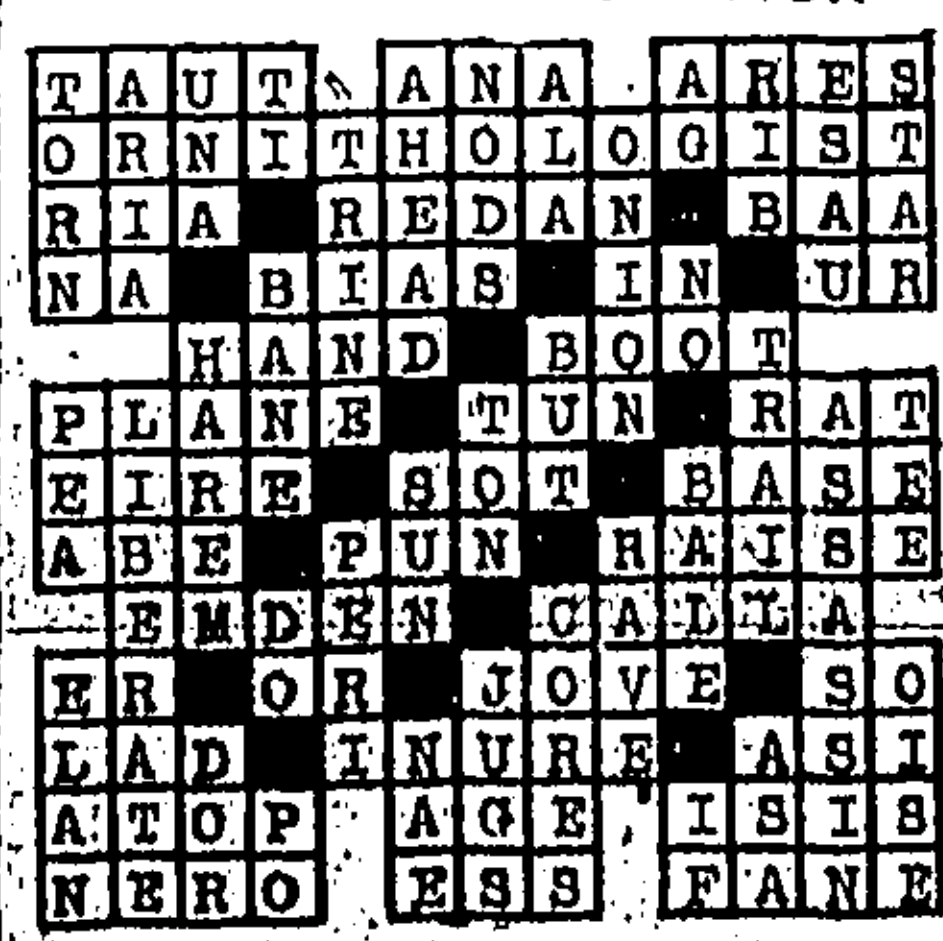
- 1 Unhappy
- 4 Golden
- 8 To imitate
- 11 Part of a church
- 12 Part of the eye
- 13 Uncooked
- 14 French article
- 15 High priest
- 17 Quick look
- 19 Lout
- 21 Poisonous snake
- 23 Silkworm
- 24 Goddess of discord
- 26 Period of time
- 28 Reverberation
- 31 Butting animal
- 33 Southwestern Indian
- 35 Melody
- 36 Colloquial: father
- 38 To pardon
- 41 Pronoun
- 42 Aged
- 44 Insect
- 45 Crow-like bird
- 47 To venture
- 49 Indo-Chinese tree
- 51 River-duck
- 54 Challice
- 56 To attempt
- 58 Holland commune

- 59 Month
- 62 Poetic above
- 64 Colloquial mother
- 65 Back
- 66 Pile
- 68 Eager
- 70 Mineral
- 71 Eastern university
- 72 Trap

### VERTICAL

- 1 Lance
- 2 Because
- 3 English river
- 4 Aspect
- 5 Four
- 6 Limb
- 7 Story
- 8 Counter
- 9 Moccasin
- 10 Female sheep
- 11 Fibre plant
- 16 Note of scale
- 18 Part of "to be"
- 20 Evergreen tree
- 22 Cautious
- 25 Pouch
- 27 Philippine Island ward division
- 29 Pronoun
- 30 Crude metal
- 32 Crowd
- 34 Finish
- 36 Seed covering
- 37 Wing
- 39 By birth
- 40 To consume
- 43 Fabulous monster
- 46 Small
- 48 Australian bird
- 50 To feel blindly
- 52 To acknowledge
- 53 To guide
- 55 Gray
- 57 Archate article
- 59 Toward the stern
- 60 Swiss canton
- 61 Beverage
- 63 Sped
- 67 Mulberry
- 69 Brother of Odin

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



## FIRST BISHOP OF HONOLULU

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Apostolic Delegate announced in Washington yesterday that the Pope has appointed Mons. James Sweeney, from San Francisco, to be first Bishop of Honolulu. International News Service.

## INVITATION TO LUEN YIK CHAIRMAN

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LUEN YIK GUILD, REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF THE FORMER NIGHT-SOIL COOLIES, MR. YUEN CHI-LING, WAS SUMMONED TO CENTRAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS, AT 9 A.M. TO-DAY.

It is understood that Yuen was requested to visit Headquarters in connection with the demonstration and riot staged at the Urban Council offices yesterday afternoon.

### One Detained

THIS MORNING THERE WAS ONLY ONE NIGHT-SOIL CARRIER, A WOMAN, REMAINING IN CELLS AT CENTRAL POLICE STATION, THE REMAINDER HAVING BEEN RELEASED DURING THE NIGHT.

The women were taken into custody following a riot, in which over 500 participated, at the Urban Council Headquarters, General Post Office Building, yesterday afternoon.

One of the women has been admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from head injuries which she received "in a brawl."

## U.S. ARMY FLIERS KILLED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Four U.S. Army fliers were killed yesterday in a crash of two light bombers in South Carolina while on a flight from Savannah, Georgia.—International News Service.

## MEXICO PATROLS BORDER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was revealed in Mexico City yesterday that the Mexican army has taken over the duty of patrolling the U.S. frontier, while the U.S. manoeuvres are on in the summer. — International News Service.

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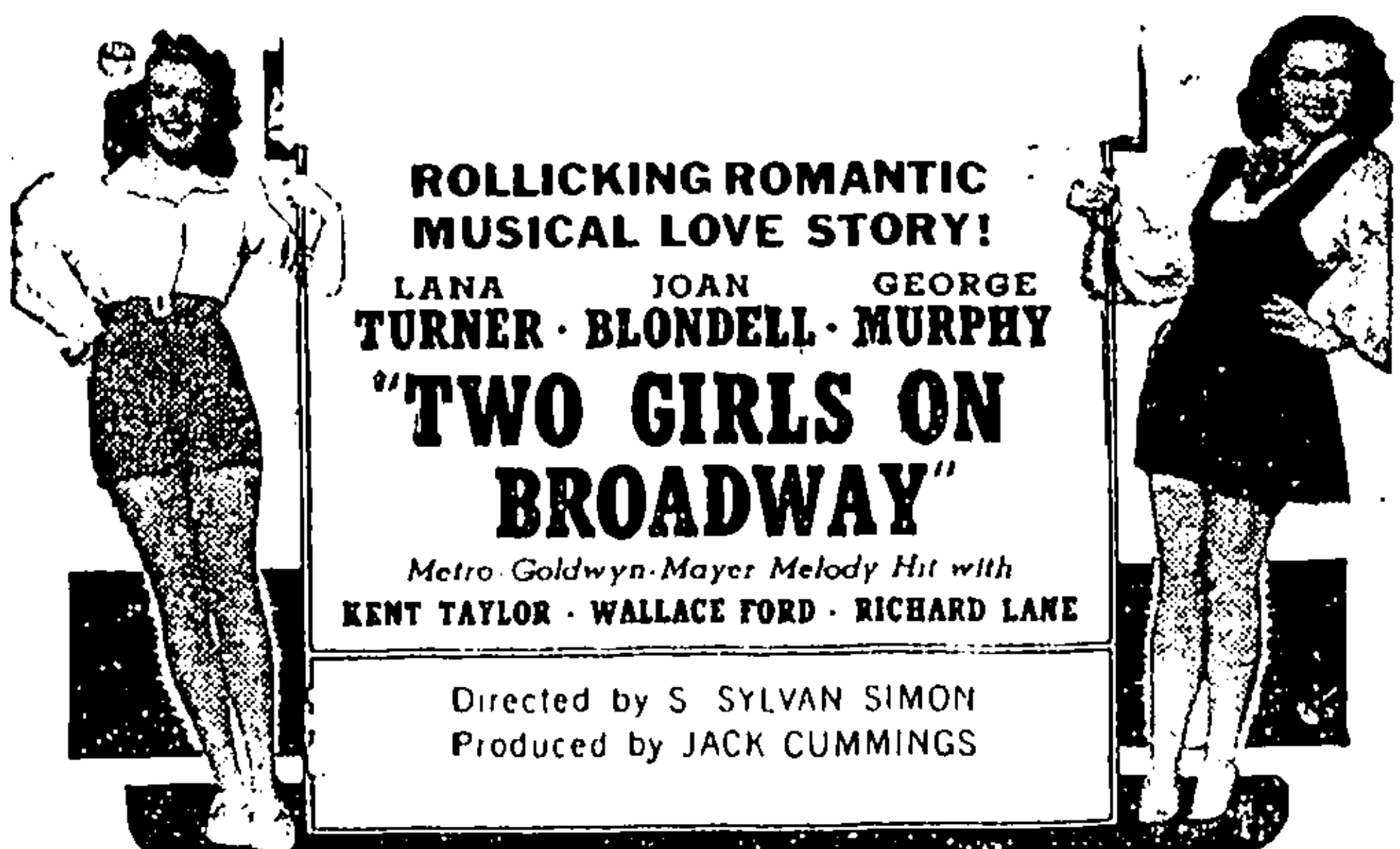
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The sinking of the submarine "U-63" in June, 1939, was a world sensation. Now she has emerged as the victorious H.M. Submarine "Thunderbolt." Her sinking of an escorted Italian submarine was her most brilliant achievement, recently announced. Photo shows some of the crew of the "Thunderbolt." In centre is Lieutenant J. Stevens. (Copyright, Fox).

# DEMOCRACY'S PROBLEM WHEN WAR IS OVER

TAKING AS HIS SUBJECT "The Problem of Post-War International Economic Organisation," Dr. Henry F. Grady, President of the American President Lines, delivered a thought-provoking address at a luncheon meeting of Teachers of International Law at Carlton Hotel, Washington. Some of the questions which Dr. Grady posed were these:

To what extent after the war shall we be able to sell the surplus products of our farmers and industrial workers in world markets?

Will the international mechanism of trade be restored or shall we have to resort to the barter system of primitive peoples?

Shall we be able to enjoy, in a higher standard of living, the economic benefits arising from world-wide specialisation of production made possible by multilateral trade, or shall we, as a result of economic nationalism, have to work longer and harder for a livelihood?

"The answers to these questions," said Dr. Grady, "now depend largely on us, on the ability of American labour and management to cooperate, on their efforts to hold down costs and prices, and on the willingness of individuals, economic classes and sections of the country to subordinate their special interests to the supreme national objective of aiding the democratic cause."

### Equality In Commerce

Dr. Grady believes that if the outcome of the struggle in Europe is the division of the world under totalitarian auspices into a number of closed economic regions, then our problem of post-war international economic organisation is to maintain equality and freedom in the commercial relations of the Western Hemisphere and the British Commonwealth of Nations as a nucleus around which an international democracy may ultimately be built.

"But such totalitarian economic organisation," he added, "is not inevitable. It is merely a possibility, one of the forks in the road of civilisation which society can choose or reject, and it is admittedly one which does not lead to the greater well-being of humanity or to an enduring world peace. On the contrary, it leads directly to conditions out of which further world conflict must come. So why choose it?"

However, Dr. Grady explained, we cannot expect, in the event of a victory for the democracies, to restore the exact status quo, adding:

### Change

"Society is constantly changing. Inventions, discoveries and de-

velopments in science and technology have naturally been accompanied by changes in social institutions. To say that capitalism is doomed, if by capitalism is meant our way of life to-day, is merely a sensational way of saying that history is a record of change. Capitalism so defined has died many deaths. The capitalism of 1900 was far different from the capitalism of George Washington's time, and the New Deal capitalism of to-day is different from that of 1900. I have no quarrel with anyone who enjoys the sport of phrase-making, provided the essentials of free enterprise and democracy are maintained. A rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

Dr. Grady said democracy cannot be gained by merely fighting for it, continuing:

"We fought in the last war to make the world safe for democracy, but refused in the period of peace which followed to assume by membership in the League of Nations our share of the responsibility for the shaping of a democratic international society. We felt that we could rely on isolation for security regardless of what happened to the rest of the world. We even refused to cooperate with other countries in order to build a more prosperous world community. Instead we raised barriers against world trade which, especially in view of the heavy international payments having to be effected in the post-war period, contributed in no small part to financial and economic instability of the world and ultimately to the great economic depression, disillusionment, and social unrest out of which arose national socialism."

### Post-War Problem

"If we believe in democracy, these are the realities we have to face and it takes more courage and intelligence to face them than it does to face the dangers of totalitarianism. Unless we are prepared to proceed after the war in accordance with our convictions, as we were not after the last war, then we are wasting our time talking about

## APPLAUSE HURTS PETAIN

Dumb mutiny — the latest phase of anti-Nazi activity in unoccupied France — is rousing German anger because they can't do anything about it.

Marshal Petain was himself the first instrument of this new technique, when he made a speech, which was also broadcast, in Grenoble recently.

When he opened his speech the old Marshal was surprised at what he thought the warmth of his reception. A storm of clapping met his opening phrases. As he proceeded he was interrupted again and again by applause, which often made his broken sentences ludicrous; he was distinctly heard on the microphone to murmur "They seem to be doing it on purpose!"

When Petain said, "You are proving that you have faith in France's destiny . . ." he was deafened with applause.

Then the proceedings developed into a farce.

Marshal Petain: "A certain number of Frenchmen have not understood the necessity for a New Order — (thunderous applause) — and remain attached to the hope of a return to a happy and easy life . . ." (Resounding and prolonged applause and stamping).

Marshal Petain: "My friends, I am about to leave you . . ." Here the applause was so loud and prolonged that the Marshal cried with disgust, "Ah!" And so began the new campaign.

the preservation of democracy. "It is my conclusion, therefore, that the problem of post-war international economic organisation, regardless of the outcome of the present European conflict, is, in so far as we are concerned, to preserve and advance the liberal trade policy which we have pursued since 1934. The prospects of success will of course be encouraging in the event of a British victory. In other circumstances our task may be much more difficult but all the more important, for then the cause of freedom must look to the New World alone for refuge and strength."



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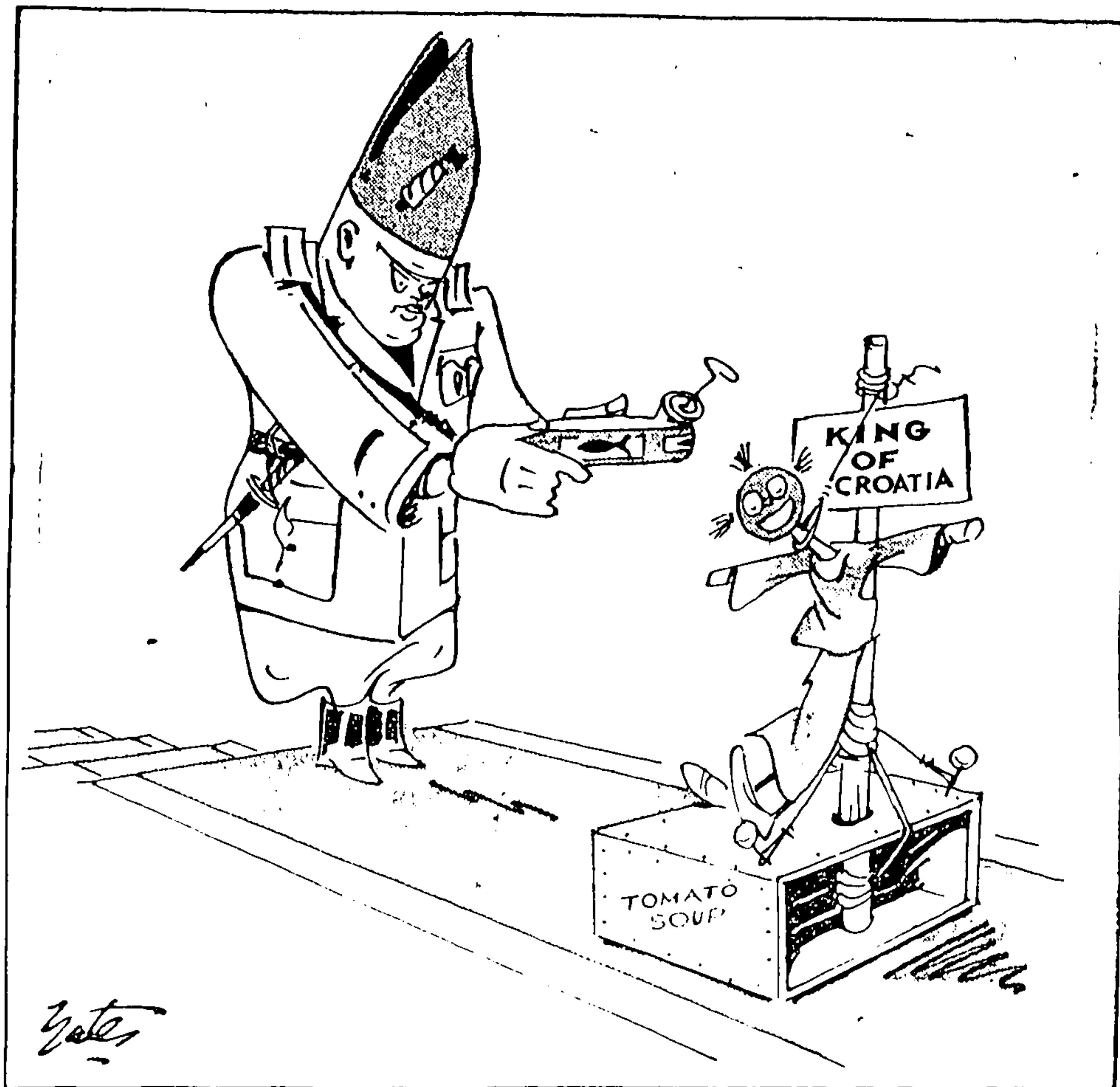
If words and preliminary actions mean anything—which they do not always to Japanese statesmen—the time is ripe for a further word of warning to Japan before she commits herself to a course from which there can be no withdrawal. The strength of her ties with the Axis have in the last two or three days been ostentatiously advertised. Mr. Matsuoka has been responsible for further threats, and the anti-British campaign has been revived. The attacks on Britain concentrate upon the allegation that the restrictions imposed upon supplies to Japan are a deliberate attempt to strangle the economic life of Japan. It is well-known, of course, that those restrictions are those rendered necessary by (a) our own priority of need and (b) by the open hostility of Japan, which makes no attempt to disguise her efforts to supply Britain's enemies with raw materials which, engaged as we are in a life and death struggle, we are determined must be cut off.

The new note that has lately appeared in Japanese official comment and in the inspired Press, that these restrictions, which do not prevent ample supplies of necessary materials for her own use reaching Japan, are so vexatious as to justify aggressive action against Britain, powerfully suggests that the development of a new crisis may not be far off. At the moment, the objective may possibly not involve anything more serious than a futile attempt at intimidation. It arises from the complaints of Japanese industrial leaders, who are pressing strongly for abandonment of the dangerous allegiance to the Axis, in the sense that Tokyo hopes to calm the Japanese business world by frightening Britain into a reversal of policy.

It should be broad enough hint to a Japan thinking for herself and not a subservient tool of Hitler, that if it can be suggested, in all seriousness, that the insignificant pain inflicted by British trade restrictions, do injury to Japanese economy, her plight would be increased not tenfold but a hundredfold should she have inclination towards provoking an open conflict. Trade figures tell the plain story that a pros-

perous future for Japan can only be assured by maintaining friendly relations and free intercourse with the democracies.

There seems to be some impression in Tokyo that the United States would stand aside, a neutral spectator. It is true that America will not be willingly provoked; any more than will the British Empire. But Washington's warnings have been explicit and continuous and have only been intensified by recent developments. Japan must take her choice with a shrewd notion on what the odds of American entry will be.



BOYS WILL BE BOYS!

## Obeisance To Pudding

By  
Ivor Brown

It is one of the oddities of English life that a nation which has in fact been especially rich in the quick genius of poets and wits and as famous for the dash of its seamen as for its speed on horse and foot likes to think of itself chiefly as lethargic and solid, trusty but ponderous. The eighteenth-century idea of a sturdy but slow John Bull was allowed to obscure the memory of the Elizabethan sailors who, in their lighter craft and with nimbler faculties, had outmanoeuvred the heavy galleons of the duller-minded Don.

So the notion of the beevish Briton and of the gallant but pudding-headed heavy-weight began to win the general assent.

Sated and eggs and lighter fare  
Tune the Italian sparks' guitar.  
And if I take Dan Congreve right,

Pudding and beef make Britons fight.

To what extent this rhyme of Prior's forecast the rival dietaries in North Africa, 1941, is uncertain. Only those who have dined in the desert know the menu, but if General Wavell's army has indeed been regaled with pudding and beef, these articles appear to afford no obstacle to extreme mobility, nor do they hamper a knack of mixing the temper of a Prince Rupert with the speed of a Rolls-Royce.

At any rate, on the home ground pudding has recovered its position on the national diet sheet. Britons lately were tending to eat pud-

ding less and less after their meat and cheese more and more. The Victorian gentleman had a sweeter tooth and an ampler capacity. "To dine off chops and roly-poly pudding with avidity" was the happy habit of the "pushing young particle" in "Patience." Chops—note the plural—and roly-poly. The self-indulgent wretch may even have had cheese as well. He would not have deemed himself to have dined without some sugary and farinaceous "follow" to his meat. The American of to-day sustains our Victorian tradition and usually adds to the meat dish of his midday meal a substantial slab of "pie," possibly heaped with ice-cream as well. It is not that he eats more, but he has the sweeter taste and lacks our interest in cheese and savouries.

This addiction to "pie" and similar kickshaws was surely witting in British middle-class life. The men had lost the craving for cakes and milky dishes, and the women, since they were slimming, viewed the succulence of steamed suet or the layer of pastry and the jug of cream with horrified alarm; reluctantly, perhaps, but none the less resolutely, they averted the watering mouth. The taste for a savoury and astringent article was overcoming the appetite for rich and lush refreshment. Pudding was more and more left to the nursery. Its suavity as well as its bulk had become the enemy. I do not say that this was a righteous judgment. Many despised ingredients of the pudding tribe, like tapioca, have a distinctive, subtle, and by no means sickly flavour. But they won a bad name at school, where they were often vilely cooked, and nothing needs more perfect preparation than a milk pudding.

But now, with cheese so scarce and with many other elements of a savoury scarcely more common, the pudding reasserts its claim. If there be no meat course to precede and no "closing rites" of cheese thereafter but only some trifling fillet of fish, then pudding in the grand manner is of obvious value, especially if the wind be cold. The poor man of old might cosset himself with pudding only on Sunday:

One solid dish his weekday meal affords,  
An added pudding solemnised the Lord's.

Not long ago, far up in the Peninsules, I heard a Manchester man, whose thoughts ran deeply on nutritive matters, say of a fam-

ous haunt of the city's carnivores, "I hear they're serving Welsh Rabbit instead of meat on two days a week." The tone in which he gasped out this appalling news suggested that darkest night had fallen upon Irwell's banks and that chaos had come again to all the Chorltons, whether on Medlock or cum Hardy. Doubtless the famous house is providing some robust puddings to fill in the corners. Now, I fancy, some chop-fallen men, who disdained of old the solid allure of a Baked Albert Roll, may have become eager addicts of that massive and glutinous confection. Such are the results of "wars, horrid wars."

There can, while any ingredients remain, be no difficulty about supply of British puddings. Our native cookery books abound with names and notions of puddings, with the courtly and consequential names as well as with the comic and plebeian ones. Who could not be impressed by a pudding called Sir Watkin, which seems to sing from the menu, like any Gilbertian peer, "Bow, bow (as well as stodge) ye lower middle classes?" Who, on the other hand, could not be impressed by the humility of "Amy's Crumb Pie?" On the august side are Queen's, Cabinet, and Diplomat; on the commoners' bill of fare are the Roly-poly and the Spotted Dog.

Pudding began, it is true, in a meagre way. It was the happy aggregation of the butcher's bits and pieces, nothing so magnificent as steak and kidney, but more of the haggis kind—and has not haggis been accurately as well as wittily described as "all of the sheep except the mutton?" But later on pudding achieved its progress from the liver and lights to the fruit and sugar. It became, in the majestic English of the Oxford English Dictionary,

a preparation of food of a soft or moderately firm consistency in which the ingredients, animal or vegetable, are either mingled in a farinaceous basis or are enclosed in a farinaceous crust, and cooked by boiling or steaming. Preparations of butter, milk and eggs, rice, sago, and other farinaceous substances, suitably seasoned and cooked by baking, are now also called puddings.

You may gather from that how posterior, and even inferior, are the puddings abominably known as "sweets." For my part I refuse utterly to apply the word "sweet" to anything but confectionery. Let fruit be fruit and pie pie. Spotted Dog, Sir Watkin, Baked Albert Roll—are these monsters and notables to be fobbed off with the petty title of "sweet?" Here's outrage indeed. "Sweets" to the sweet, but not to the sensible. If we are going back to pudding, let the dull thud of that tremendous title be properly regarded and preserved.

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# SENTIMENT FOR WAR HIGHER IN U.S.

(By George Gallup, Director, American Institute of Public Opinion)

**JUST THREE WEEKS AFTER THE START OF ADOLF HITLER'S SPRING BLITZKRIEG IN THE BALKANS, COMPREHENSIVE STUDIES OF AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION SHOWED THE FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT REACTIONS.**

First, there appears to have been no substantial change in the number of Americans who would like to see the United States enter the war at once. The institute's surveys since the start of the Balkan Blitz show 19 per cent voting for United States belligerency, as compared with 17 per cent last month.

The bulk of the voters—approximately four in every five—are opposed to United States entrance at this time.

But a second attitude of the greatest significance is also uncovered. For a substantial majority say they would be willing to see the United States go to war if it appears certain there is no other way to insure the defeat of Germany and Italy.

Rather than see Britain go down, sixty-eight persons in every 100 in the institute survey said, they would be willing to have America enter. As matters now stand, the public is apparently not convinced that our immediate entrance is required.

## Issues Put To Voters

Both of the above issues were put to a carefully selected and representative cross-section of the American voting public in each of the forty-eight States. The first question was asked in order to test the actual belligerency of the United States public to-day; the second, to see whether United States peace sentiment is "absolute" or "with reservations."

The question asked and the actual replies, were as follows:

"If you were asked to vote to-day on the question of the United States entering the war against Germany and Italy, how would you vote—to go into the war, or to stay out of the war?"

Would vote to go in ..... 19%

Would vote to stay out ..... 81%

"If it appeared certain that there was no other way to defeat Germany and Italy except for the United States to go to war against them, would you be in favour of the United States going into the war?"

Would favour going in if no other way ..... 68%

Would not favour going in ..... 24%

Undecided ..... 8%

The above figures represent some of the first measurable reactions of the United States public to the spread of the war in Greece and Yugoslavia, and to the successes of German panzer divisions in North Africa. Interviewing in the present institute survey was begun on April 10—four days after the Balkan Blitz began—and was largely completed by April 20.

## Potential War Sentiment

To-day's survey gives a striking indication of the amount of potential war sentiment that may be brewing in the United States this Spring—despite the consistent reluctance of the ordinary citizen to vote for immediate war.

A vast reversal of public thinking has taken place since October, 1939—the first weeks of the war when the institute found only 29 persons in every 100 willing to enter the war even to prevent a British-French defeat.

But clues to this potential war sentiment have not been lacking.

Just a year ago, before the invasion of France, two-thirds of the voters in institute surveys declared it was more important to keep America at peace than it was to help Britain win "at the risk of war." Following the events of the dark Summer of 1940, that opinion became exactly reversed. Two-thirds decided it was more important to help Britain win, even at the risk of war, than to concentrate entirely on "staying out."

Earlier the institute reported a closely similar picture on the question of convoys:

A minority—41 per cent—said they now favoured the use of United States naval convoys to guard war shipments to Britain.

## Majority Agree

But a substantial majority—71 per cent—said they would agree to convoys. "If it appears certain that Britain will be defeated unless we use part of our Navy" to convoy.

This leaves one more phase of American thinking—and not the least important by any means—to be mentioned.

Since the beginning of 1941 institute surveys have shown a marked increase in the number of Americans who expect the United States to enter the war "some time before it is over."

Only 59 per cent, thought so last autumn, as Americans settled back in their chairs momentarily after the November elections. But including those who qualify their answers by saying "we'll get in if it lasts long enough," and "we'll get in if the Axis can't be beaten any other way," some 82 persons in every 100 in the institute's latest survey say they think the United States will eventually go in.

## 1941 FILM GIRLS ARE TALLER

Film actresses are getting taller. When motion pictures began, petite Mary Pickford, Gloria Swanson and Mary Miles Minter set the height styles.

Many of the 1941 crop that includes Jane Wyman, Alexis Smith and Peggy Diggins, are a head taller than Gladys Smith was when she first applied for work and agreed to change her name to Mary Pickford.

They are taller than Bette Davis, Merle Oberon, or Olivia de Havilland. Nine girls who appeared in one recent film were all above the average height. — Associated Press.

## RELEASE OF WAR PRISONERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The release of 100,000 French war prisoners, first tangible sign of the new Franco-German "collaboration," involves officers and men who served in the last war as well as the current conflict.

This is expected to be followed by the gradual release of further batches of 1,800,000 prisoners taken by the Germans when they swept through Flanders and north France last summer.

This measure is also believed to be the first of a series relaxing the restrictions imposed on France by the armistice terms. — International News Service.

## RESCUE UNDER FIRE

During operations in Iraq, a naval aircraft which had been damaged while taking part in an attack on barracks at Samawa had to make a forced landing three miles south of the town and was quickly surrounded by members of Raschid Ali's forces who opened fire.


Other naval aircraft which had observed this incident promptly landed and rescued the crew without casualty in the face of armed opposition and once more took to the air. — British Wireless.

## BRUTAL ATTACK FOR \$5

Five dollars, in cash, was the only loot which three robbers, armed with a single chopper, obtained after attacking men in a hut in Tsun Wan New Territories, at 2.30 a.m. to-day.

The men entered the hut which was occupied by two persons, brother and sister, but was challenged by the brother, who was brutally attacked, following which the men searched the sister and relieved her of the money.

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One suggestion is that the bigger firms, including chain and departmental stores, should adopt the following plan:

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The President of the Board of Trade, in the Commons said: "There is no plan to reduce permanently the number of small firms in industry or least of all, to force small ones into the arms of combines."

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It would be the desire of most producers to keep their brands and trade marks in front of the public, and in many cases when engaged entirely in Government work many manufacturers were doing so by advertising. Every help would be given to keep trade marks alive.

## A Pledge

Requisitioning, which would be on a much larger scale than M.P.s anticipated, will take place over a large number of factories closed down as a result of concentration the Board of Trade would not touch it.

The Minister gave a pledge that where a firm was so small that the dislocation caused would be out of relation to the advantage gained by concentration the Board of Trade would not touch it.

It would be necessary to continue control for some time after the cessation of hostilities.

# NAVY CUT IT TO 4 WORDS

The First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking in London, told of two signals — messages from ships — the courage of one of which he said moved him to tears.

It was from a little corvette — a craft used for escort work and hunting U-boats — which was well out at sea.

"Enemy raider-am engaging," it said.

The Minister commented, "Anyone who knows what naval ships are and the size of a corvette compared with an enemy raider will realise the courage of that signal."

## It Brought Tears

"It just overwhelmed me. It brought tears to my eyes."

The other signal arrived during the battle in the Skagerrak, when the Germans were invading Norway.

"We had a submarine right up there; in the inner waters; cutting their communications; sinking their ships and running hourly risk, both of mining and destroyers," he said.

The signal read: "Have attacked a ship, then had to submerge for forty-three hours. Have received 100 depth charges."

Then came the laconic finish: "Propose to return to my station."

# TANK RAN AMOK— 2 BURIED

Two people were buried beneath the ruins of a shop in South Street, Lewes, Sussex, when a heavy tank travelling in convoy crashed into the building and demolished it.

They were Alfred Humphreys, aged fifty, a shoemaker, and a woman customer. Soldiers and Civil Defence workers dug them out and they were taken to hospital.

The premises looked as it they had had a direct hit from a heavy bomb.

The tank ran on to the pile of bricks that was left.

Painted in white on the tank's side was the name Rapsallion.

# DAMAGED HEINKEL FINISHED OFF

An Admiralty communique states: "On Monday night a Heinkel 111 was engaged and shot down off the East Coast by H. M. trawlers Tranio, Thomas Leeds and Stella Leonis. The enemy aircraft had previously been under fire and damaged by H. M. minesweeper Princess Elizabeth. No casualty or damage was sustained by our ships." British Wireless.

# NO BOMBINGS UP TO 8 P.M.

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique yesterday stated: "Although there has been a little enemy activity over coastal regions to-day nowhere have the enemy flown far inland. Up to 8 p.m. no reports have been received of any bombs having been dropped." British Wireless.

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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 22nd May, 1941.  
By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

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# BRIDGE NOTES

## READING THE BIDDING

### By The Four Aces

The player who selects his opening lead after careful consideration of the bidding has a big advantage over the player whose opening lead is more or less automatic. For example:

West, Dealer  
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH  
A K 10 7  
Q 6 5 2  
5  
K 10 6 5

WEST  
8 4  
A J 10 7 3  
Q 9 2  
A Q J

EAST  
6 3  
9  
K J 10 8 6 3  
9 8 4 3

SOUTH  
Q J 9 5 2  
K 8 4  
A 7 4  
7 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♣	2♠	2♣	2♠
3♠	3♠	4♠	4♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West's automatic lead would have been a diamond, and South would have won, drawn trumps, and led a club and two hearts. The automatic lead, therefore, would have given South the game and rubber.

But West thought before leading. His partner had "ruff" from the double of one heart and had rebid diamond, later on. That sounded like long diamonds and very short hearts, so he led the best defence.

On this reasoning West opened the Ace of hearts and followed with the three of hearts. East ruffed, as expected, and correctly read the choice of West's lowest heart as indicating an entry in the lower suit. East therefore returned a club to West's Ace and not another heart ruff to defeat the contract.

Note that if West had held the Ace of diamonds, instead of the Ace of hearts, he would have led the ten or Jack of hearts at the second trick. And the high heart would indicate an entry in the higher of the two side suits.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and with neither side vulnerable, you held:

A Q J 10 8 4 2  
Q J 10 5  
A 4  
7 5

The bidding:

Schenker	Jacoby	Malier	You
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♠	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Bid six spades. The Slam should hinge on a finesse at the worst, since partner's bidding must be based on an unusually strong hand, well fortified with Aces.

Score 100% for six spades, 50% for pass.

### Question No. 721

To-day you are Howard Schenker's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

A K J 9 7  
A J 4  
K 10 5 3  
A 10

The bidding:

Malier	You	Jacoby	Schenker
1♠	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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12.50 p.m.—The Carlyle Cousins (Vocal).

Vocal Trio—America Calling—Medley with Quaglin's Quartette.

The Big Broadcast—Selection with Dan Donovan &amp; Debrov Somers Band

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Compositions of Albeniz and Granados.

Granada Spanish Suite (Albeniz).  
Orquesta Odeon Goyescas Intermezzo (Granados). Pablo Casals (Cello) with piano accomp. If I Could Forget Your Eyes Tango (Albeniz). Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra Spanish Dance No. 1 (Granados). New Light Symphony Orchestra Evocation (Albeniz). Cordoba (Albeniz). Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) Spanish Dance (Granados). Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience".

Overture—Symphony Orchestra cond. by Malcolm Sargent. Twenty Love-lick Madens We Nellie Brichilde, Rita Mackay & Chorus of Girls. Still Brooding On Thee. Mad Infatuation I Cannot Tell What This Love May Be. Winifred Lawson. Nellie Brichilde. M. Eve & Chorus of Girls. The Solace of Our Queen. If You Want a Receipt for That Popular Mystery Darrell Fancourt & Chorus of Dragons. Am I Alone, and Doubt served? If You're Anxious For to Shine George Baker (Baritone) with Orchestra. Long Years Ago. Winifred Lawson & Nellie Brichilde with Orchestra. Let to Merry Combs. Sound. Deed Oldham. Darrell Fancourt. M. Green, and George Baker with Chorus of Girls and Dragons.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

2.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

3.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

3.15 p.m.—The Hill Billies and the Luccuona Cuban Boys.

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# AFRICAN PATROL

Adventures of R.A.F. pilots in the Libyan Desert in the early days of Mussolini's war are recalled by the recent announcement of the award of the D.F.C. to Flying Officer (now Flight Lieutenant) P. G. Wykeham-Barnes. The citation stated that after being shot down in enemy territory, he made his way on foot across the frontier and immediately returned to flying duties.

Here is what happened. After going for a flight of Bredas, the pilot later had to 'bale out' after an attack by large number of Fiat CR 42's. The instrument panel of the British pilot's Gladiator was shot away, and the tail was damaged. As he was coming down by parachute, F/O Wykeham-Barnes realised that there was an Italian flying close to him. "But I do not think it was a plane," he added.

Reaching the ground he remained hidden until after dark, and then decided to find the wreck of his machine, so as to get his water bottle. But when he reached the aircraft the water bottle was smashed. Taking his gun, the pilot set off to 'bale' back to our line. Five hours after coming down he crossed the frontier, though it was not until the following morning that he was found by a convoy of one of our Hussar regiments.

Back at his base it was found that he had been slightly wounded by shrapnel but he had not felt it as he sat in his aircraft, and he was back again in his seat the same day, over Libya.

Another pilot, a Flight Lieutenant, having accounted for two Italians, found himself intercepted by an overwhelming force. He carried on a running fight for fifteen minutes, trying all the time to 'make' the border by evasive tactics. Ultimately his rudder controls were shot away, by sheer bad luck, for the shot came from an Italian aircraft above him as it came out of a loop, and not engaged against the Flight Lieutenant.

After baling out successfully, the Flight Lieutenant hid in the desert until night-fall. Starting out after dark, he saw a large camp. Unable to determine whether it was friendly or not he made a wide detour. Twenty-three hours after he had 'baled out' he was found by troops. He had walked nearly fifty miles.

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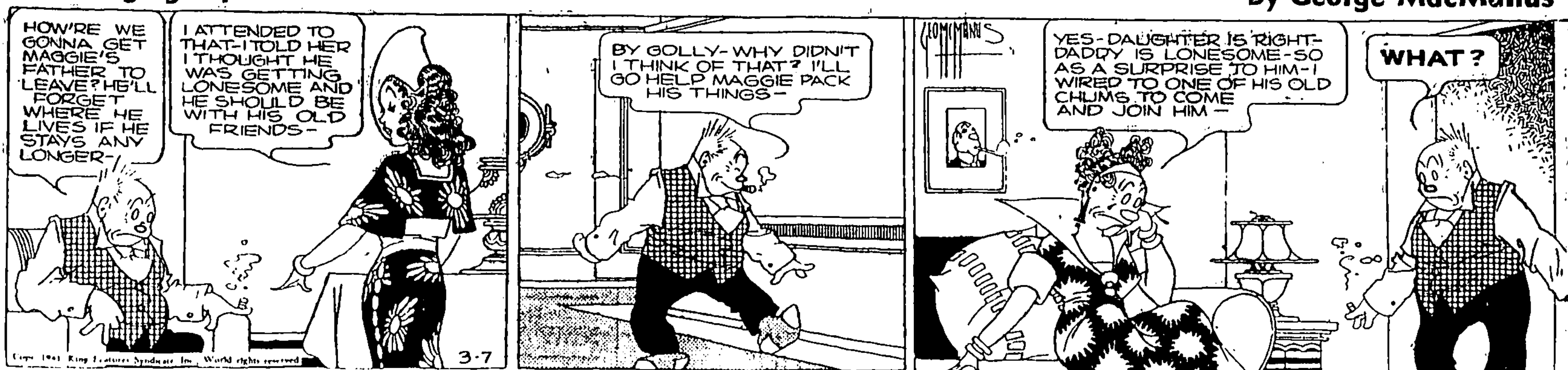
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By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Harbingers Of New Season

We want to smell nice as well as look nice in this hopeful new season. Fragrances and spring blossoms go hand in hand, naturally, so all the perfumers present their rare and tantalising mixtures for our selection. Some are old, old favourites, getting vainter than best teeth now that the war is raging, and others are new brews in new dress.

It would be a sad day if women had to be denied their toilet waters, colognes, perfumes, and scented soaps and sachets. We have grown to think of fragrances as necessities, they are no longer luxuries. But fortunately they have a wide price range and even the most limited beauty budgets can embrace one bottle at least.

As flowers are so much the vogue this spring many girls are wearing a fragrance which matches a hat, a floral print, or a corsage. For instance you all know the heady, beautiful scent of white hyacinths? Well, reproductions of those sturdy, pure blossoms are used to trim hats, wear in one's hair, pinned onto a dress or copied into the design of a fresh summer print. What could be more in keeping than to wear white hyacinth perfume when you wear the blossoms?

### Keep Perfume Fresh

When one wears perfume during the day or evening, one should keep it fresh. By that I mean a tired fragrance is as unattractive as tired make-up. When most of the fragrance has evaporated into the air, whip out of your purse a little air-tight vial and apply some fresh fragrance. Most all of the favoured mixtures may be purchased in a large quantity for your dressing table, and in a tiny



From her blossom-trimmed evening purse this lovely belle takes her nifty straw-covered vial of perfume to freshen her radiance.

vial or even a special purse-vial for your purse. Some women can "hold" a scent much longer than others. This is because skin chemistry differs

with each individual. There is one exquisite perfume which will hang around me for hours, once I atomise it onto my person carefully, but it is the only one that does so. Other brews (which are just as rare as the one I mentioned) leave me in from two to three hours after application. But that doesn't stop me from wearing them—for I carry my purse bottle along.

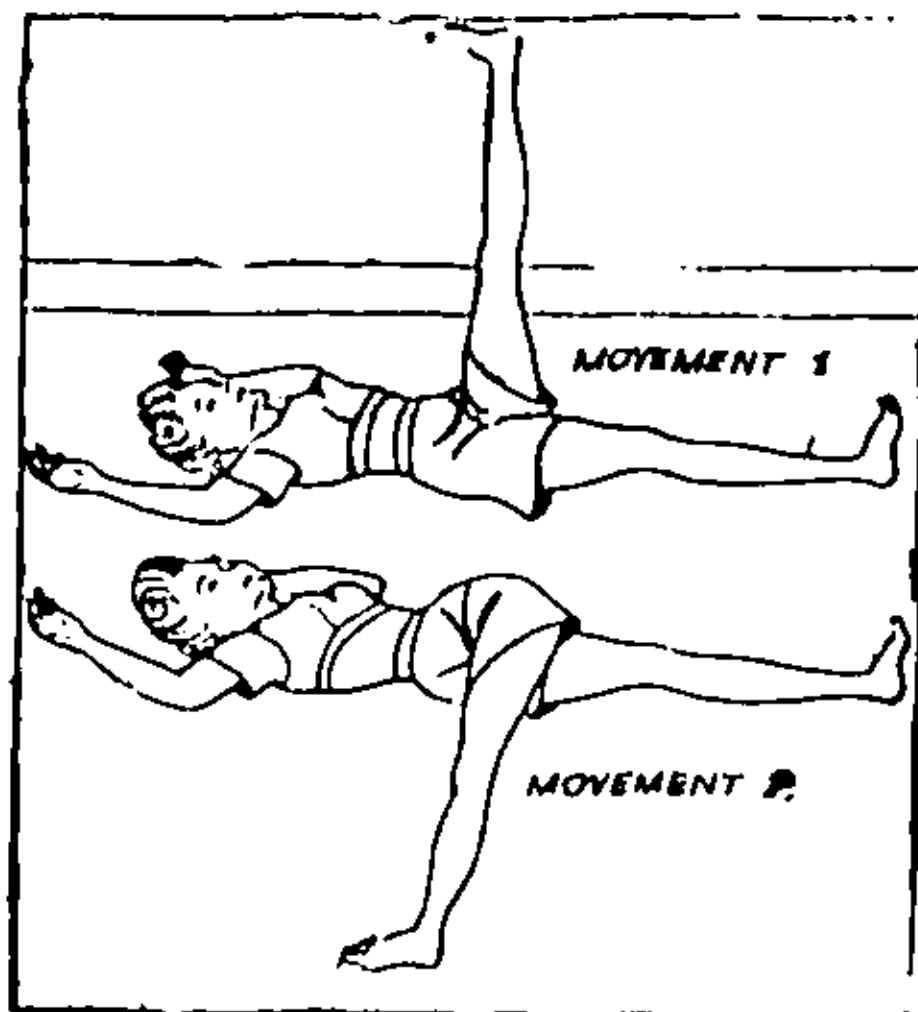
### Perfume Back Of Neck

When you apply perfume do not forget the back of your neck! That may sound foolish but it isn't. Many many people walk in back of you, or stand in back of you and if perfume is placed in back of your neck they get the lovely aroma. Also as you pass people the air will carry that fragrance to them and thus you radiate a most alluring personality! Floral fragrances are favoured for spring—especially for daytime wear—and there are some very, very lovely new ones waiting to give your nose a treat!

Movement 1. Stretch that heel and straighten that leg! You will not be able to do it for at least ten days unless you have been exercising regularly. Lower the leg slowly and then stretch the right leg up in the air. Repeat ten times. Increase four times each day.

### Second Part

The first movement probably pained you enough, but in case you think you are ready for reducing exercises try this. After getting your left leg stretched up in the air as in movement one, stretch it across the body as shown in Movement 2. KEEP YOUR SHOULDERS FLAT ON THE FLOOR AND YOUR KNEES STRAIGHT. OUCH! Golly does that hurt! Well I will leave you with these two movements to practice for fourteen consecutive days!



doctor and then weeks of limbering exercises.

A neglected body requires kid-glove handling the first week or two. You must work up to a re-fashioning schedule of exercise. Stretch your legs, your arms, your middle, your neck, before you try to reshape them.

To test your stiffness, and to show you how much limbering you need, try this exercise. It comes from the famous Dorothy Gray Salon in New York, and is given to every applicant.

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## Stretch Before Exercise

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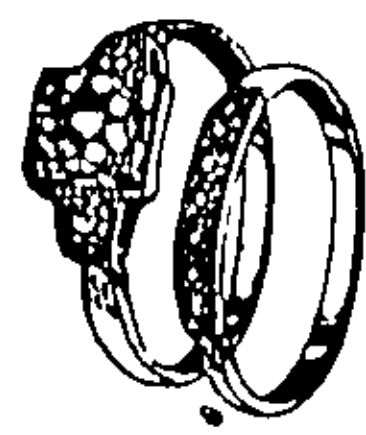
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## COURT ACQUITS 2 N.C.O.S

Company Sergeant-Major Cooper, one of those accused at the Liverpool court-martial of alleged ill-treatment of conscientious objectors, was found not guilty of all the charges, and was released.

Cooper had pleaded not guilty to charges of inciting, or permitting, an assault on soldiers, and of assaulting three privates. He had denied that men had been pounded and kicked and their heads put in buckets of water.

Lieutenant Fargher, defending Cooper, said that when the trouble arose with the objectors, there was a danger of 400 other men "going wrong." He submitted that what was done under the circumstances was proper, and only the necessary force—not excessive force—was used to move the men.

Sergeant Thomas Alexander, who had pleaded not guilty to five charges of assaulting privates, was also found not guilty on all charges and released.

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# HURRICANES AND SPITFIRES STAY

## The Official Account

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What did the enemy succeed in accomplishing in just under a month of heavy fighting, during which he flung in squadron after squadron of the Luftwaffe without regard to cost? His object, be it remembered, was to "ground" fighters of the Royal Air Force and destroy so large a number of pilots and aircraft as to put it, temporarily at least, out of action. As has already been made clear, the Germans after their opening heavy attacks on convoys and on Portsmouth and Portland, concentrated on fighter aerodromes, first on or near the coast, then on those farther inland. Though they had done damage to aerodromes, both near the coast and inland, and this put the fighting efficiency of the fighter squadrons to considerable strain, they failed entirely to put them out of action. The staff and ground services worked day and night and the operations of our fighting squadrons were not, in fact, interrupted. By the 6th September, the Germans either believed they had achieved success and it only remained for them to bomb defenceless London until it surrendered or, following their pre-arranged plan, they automatically switched then attack against the Capital because the moment had come to do so.

Those days saw the climax of the first half of the battle. As they drew to a close, Goering's position became not unlike that of Marshal Ney at Waterloo when at 4.30 in the afternoon he flung 37 squadrons of Kellermann's Cuirassiers, backed by the heavy cavalry of the guard against the hard pressed British squares. Napoleon was unable to find the necessary support and Ney's efforts were made in vain. Goering may perhaps have been in the same position, though the attacks of the Luftwaffe continued to be pressed hard throughout September. Maybe Goering had made up his mind to attack targets more easily reached than were our fighter aerodromes. Maybe he was merely working to a time table. Maybe he thought our fighter defence was sufficiently weakened. What probably happened can be conveyed by a simple analogy. Imagine a game which involves knocking down a number of objects such as Ninepins or Skittles, in so many turns. The player who worked out a detailed scheme for attacking these by stages. The first two or three shots, however, result in misses and a prudent man would pause to reconsider his policy at this point. Can he pursue his scheme and still win or must he abandon it and try another? But this player, Goering, is so certain of winning that he goes on without stopping to think whether or not the preliminary shots have been successful. Suddenly he realises that, with only one or two turns left, he cannot possibly win on the lines of his prearranged scheme and makes a desperate effort to knock down the whole set in the last few shots. This may be no more than speculation. The facts are that, on the 7th September, Goering switched his attack away from the fighter aerodromes on to industrial and other targets and began by making London his main objective.

### London Versus Goering

The attacks on London on the 7th September were made in two or three distinct waves at intervals of about twenty minutes, the whole attack lasting for an hour. Waves were composed of formations of from twenty to forty bombers with an equal number of fighters in close escort, additional protection being given by large formations of other fighters flying at a much higher altitude. Most of the German aircraft came over at heights above 15,000 ft. in sunny skies which made the task of the Observer Corps very difficult.

At this stage, too, the enemy's dive-bombers reappeared in attacks on coastal objectives and shipping off Essex and Kent. They were a diversion for they came over while the mass attacks by long range bombers were in progress. By night the Germans greatly increased their attacks by single aircraft. These made no attempt to hit military targets, but contented themselves with dropping their bombs at random over a large area of London.

All attacks, however, were in essence the same. Over came the German aircraft, in one or more of many formations already described. Somewhere between the coast and London, usually in Edenbridge-Tunbridge Wells area, but sometimes nearer the sea, the German squadrons were met by our fighters. Spitfires tackled the high flying fighter screen covering the German attack.

The Hurricanes which had taken off first engaged the fighter screen followed by other squadrons, who went for the bombers. There were dog fights, all over Kent. The air was for some minutes never for very long vibrant with machine-gun fire. People on the ground have described it as like the sound made by a small boy in the next street when he rubs a stick along a stretch of non-railings. As a background there was a faint roar of hundreds of engines which, on occasion, swelled to a fierce note as some crippled enemy fighter or bomber fell to the ground or made for its base, dropping lower and lower with Spitfires or Hurricanes diving upon it. Sometimes watchers, like those upon the keep of Hever Castle, would see a blue field of sky blossom suddenly with parachutes, as with white flowers. The warm sun of those superb September days shone on an ever-increasing number of the wrecked carcasses of aircraft, bearing on their wings the black cross of Prussia or the crooked symbol of Nazi power.

So numerous were these for a period over a fortnight that more than two battalions of British Infantry from troops stationed in our Southern marches were required to guard them.

### The Last Throw

The attack on London and its environs was the crux of the battle. It continued with little respite from the 7th September until the 5th October and was a last desperate attempt to win victory. This could no longer be achieved cheaply for the Luftwaffe had already suffered terrible losses. But it might still be possible to destroy London and thus win the war. Despite the hard fighting of the previous month, the fighter defences of the R.A.F. were still fighting hard as ever. They had to be overcome before London could be placed at Hitler's mercy. Goering still believed in superior numbers. These would win the trick. They had brought him swift victory in Poland, Norway, the Low Countries, Belgium and France; they might still bring victory in Britain. He put forth all his strength in a final endeavour to knock down the ninepins at any cost. The Luftwaffe delivered 38 major attacks by day between the 6th September and the 5th October.

After battering away, morning, noon and night, throughout the September, against our inland fighter aerodromes, the German Air Force made a tremendous effort on the 7th to reach London and destroy the docks. 350 bombers and fighters flew in two waves east of Croydon up to the Thames Estuary some penetrating nearly as far as Cambridge. They were met above the Capital itself. For the first time since that September day, 1886, when Mr. Samuel Pepys informed the King at Whitehall that the City was on fire, Londoners saw flames

leaping up from various points in the crowded and densely populated districts of Dockland and Woolwich, while from every German radio station, announcers broadcast on the action a running commentary in which imagination and wishful thinking were nicely blended. London did not emerge unscathed. Damage was inflicted on dock buildings, several factories, railway communications, gas and electricity plants. It was also inflicted on the enemy. 103 German aircraft were destroyed. These heavy casualties shook the German High Command, for though the attacks were renewed and continued, evidently all was no longer well. Still, the Luftwaffe persevered with great tenacity and courage, delivering heavy attacks on the 9th September, using on that occasion a number of four engine bombers, on the 11th when about thirty aircraft penetrated Central London, on the 13th and again on the 15th. Those who got through on the 11th were so severely handled by our fighter defence, that losses among their crews were estimated to be no fewer than 250. On the next day, a single German aircraft penetrated the defence by the clever use of cloud cover and bombed Buckingham Palace in the morning. On the 15th September came the climax 500 German aircraft, 250 in the morning and 250 in the afternoon, fought a running fight with our Hurricanes and Spitfires from Hammersmith to Dungeness, from Bow to the coast of France. This engagement will be described in greater detail later. It cost the enemy 185 aircraft known to have been destroyed. Altogether between the 6th September and 5th October he had lost 883 aircraft.

It is not necessary to record in detail the rest of the fighting which endured to the 31st October. Enough has been said to show the nature of the German effort and our defence. There were, however, three more major assaults delivered on the 27th September, 30th September and 5th October.

Thus, between the 11th September and 5th October the enemy delivered some 32 major attacks by day. In all these, bombers were used and their escort fighters steadily increased in numbers till the ratio rose to four fighters to one bomber. Of these attacks, fifteen were made on the area of Greater London, ten against Kent and the Thames Estuary, six on Southampton and one on Reading. While these last attacks were well executed and pressed home those on London were less determined than in the opening stages of the battle. On many occasions the enemy jettisoned his bombs before reaching his apparent objective, as soon as he found himself in contact with our fighters. Throughout this period the bombing attacks were mostly made from a high level. To enable their bombers to reach their targets, the Germans sought to draw off our fighter patrols by high altitude rather than by geographical diversions. High bombers, closely escorted by more fighters, tried to get through some 6,000 to 10,000 ft. below.

### Success Of British Fighter Interception

As Autumn came on and the sky grew cloudier, the enemy began to make increasing use of fighters flying very high above the clouds. His most usual practice was to put a very high screen of these fighters above Kent from fifteen minutes to three quarters of an hour before his bombers appeared. His object was evidently to draw off our fighters, exhaust their petrol and thus make it impossible for them to engage his bombers. Sometimes, however, the highflying enemy fighters appeared only a few minutes before

the bombers which were themselves escorted by other fighters. These escorts were normally divided into two parts—a big formation, above and on both flanks or in the rear of bombers, and a small formation the same level as or slightly in front of the aircraft they were protecting.

The enemy's high fighter screen was engaged by pairs of Spitfire Squadrons halfway between London and the coast, while wings of two or three Hurricane Squadrons attacked the bombers, and their escorts before they reached the fighter aerodromes of East and South London. Other squadrons formed a third and inner ring patrolling above these aerodromes, forming a defensive screen to guard the Southern approaches to London. These intercepted the third wave of any attack and mopped up retreating formations belonging to earlier waves. The success of these tactics may be gauged by the number of casualties inflicted on the Germans. Between the 11th September and 5th October, No. 11 Group of the Fighter Command alone destroyed 442 enemy aircraft for certain. This was accomplished with a loss of 58 pilots, giving a ratio of 7½ enemy to one British pilot lost.

September came and went and, by the end of the first week of October, our aerodromes had recovered from the damage inflicted on them at the end of August and the beginning of September. The percentage of raids intercepted increased as did the casualties of the enemy, while our own steadily decreased. Thus, on the 27th September, No. 11 Group destroyed 99 German aircraft out of a total for the day of 133 for the loss of 15 pilots—a proportion of 6½ to 1. Three days later, when 32 enemy aircraft were destroyed, the proportion rose to 16 to 1 and, on the 5th October, only one pilot was lost though 22 enemy were shot down. Many times, one aggressively-led squadron was able to break up enemy bomber formations. On three occasions, a lone Hurricane, flown by a Sector Commander, was successful in causing the enemy to drop his bombs wide of the target. The brunt of all this fighting fell to No. 11 Group. This group was reinforced, when necessary, by elements of numbers 10 and 12 Groups which were especially useful during the period of the heavy attacks on London.

How hard fought was the battle, can be seen from the fact that from the 8th September to the 5th October inclusive, 3291 day patrols of varying strengths were flown and from the 6th October to the last day of that month 2786, making the total for these 55 days 6077.

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By "Grandstand"

DISPLAYING PENNANT-WINNING form, the H.B. dazzling diamond artists toppled the U.S.S. Tulsa from their lofty perch by 10-4 in a pre-season friendly tilt last Sunday, which featured former pitching ace Madeen "Slim" Arculli's initial mound performance for H.B. this season.

Arculli went the route for the H.B. nine and fanned six, whilst walking four, while Tulsa chucker McClanahan whiffed four and passed four before he was lifted in the fifth to be replaced by Stockton who accounted for three H.B. via the strikeout route in the last two frames. Arculli was nicked for seven safeties, McClanahan yielded eight safeties during his mound tenure, and Stockton doled out one hit, which went for a three-bagger.

Blanking the Tulsamen in the first frame, H.B. jumped into a flying start with a trio of counters on Dave Leonard's first hit, coupled with three miscues and a brace of passed balls. Terry fanned the breeze in the next Tulsa frame, but Guinn slashed out a triple and Gerry Germonito dumped one which had hurler Arculli handcuffed for a perfect double steal set-up, but Guinn fell in the old catcher-to-short-to-catcher play for the second erasure. George Souza's expensive tumble of Bolo Osazajac's roller was the beginning of a three-run splurge for the Tulsamen to knot the count three-all.

Bunching up four hits in a row, the Brewer Bombers produced three tallies in the third to take the lead again, whilst another cluster of three runs on a three-hit barrage in the next stanza put them ahead once more. George Souza, who had remained hitless all morning, slugged out a rousing triple, and romped over the pay-off station with the clincher when hurler Stockton threw one into the dirt.

The Ushermen scored once more when Ginger Guin singled, pittered second and was pushed over the pan by Gerry Germonito's timely blow.

With the bases loaded with Tulsamen in the last chapter, Guinn could only pole out a long fly into the waiting hands of 'Cyclone' Bakar in deep right for no gain.

#### Ali's Perfect Batting

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Mr. G. Trevorton, Private Secretary to H. E. the Governor, was involved in the first accident. He took out Atlas, an old Australian Subscription Griffin, for its exercise, and on reaching the distant post the pony suddenly became restless, and, taken by surprise, Mr. Trevorton was unseated. At first it appeared as if he was hurt, but when Major Hogg went to his assistance he got up and, after resting a while against the rail, he was able to return to the Jockey Room unassisted. He was not seen out again.

#### Trainer Thrown

The second accident occurred a short time afterwards, when Triumphant Day, belonging to Chau Bros., was taken out by its Chinese trainer, Ah Yee. On finishing its gallop, the pony collided with Blue Gown, ridden by Mr. Wong Yan, a Novice Jockey, at the seven furlongs post. The trainer was thrown, his head striking the ground, and had to be carried back to the Chinese Trainers' Room at the paddock. Triumphant Day was limping when it was caught.

### MORE TENNIS POSTPONEMENTS

There will be only two matches in Third Division of the Tennis League this afternoon, Club de Recreio and Hong Kong University meeting Army Tennis Club and Kowloon Cricket Club, respectively. The remainder of the matches have been postponed, owing, it is understood, to the unfitness of grounds.

Following have been chosen to represent Recreio:—F. J. Remedios and J. Fonseca; G. A. Noronha and H. A. Noronha; A. M. Silva and A. E. Noronha.

bunched up hits in the third and fourth to clinch the game.

Retired in one, two, three order, for the first two chapters, the Engineers put men on first and third in the next frame on two successive miscues by second-sacker Scott, but Harper was tossed out at the plate in an attempted double-steal to end the scoring threat.

In the same inning, Taylor beat out a roller for the first Sapper blow, whilst Heath belted a blooper in the last for the other hit earned off Strickland, who was in deadly form.

In spite of the strong opposition the spirit of the boys in khaki never flagged, and was right in there fighting for a tally until they fanned the breeze for the last putout to end the game.

The Canuckettes took the Standard Oilers 13-10 at La Chikok in a Softball picnic last Sabbath.

Mary Ng fanned six Pegasusmen, and walked none, but was charged with one wild pitch, whilst Lopes passed two and To issued one free ticket to first.

Hits were shared equally, with the Maple Leafs nicking Lopes and To for 12 blows, whilst Mary Ng also yielded a round dozen safeties. Canuckette, hindsatcher Dot Louie paced the batters with a perfect three-in-three, whilst Chan and Marques both cuffed in three safeties apiece in their four times to the plate. Poon Ting-chun and Lopes both clouted homers for the Oilers.

The victors committed five errors, of which shortstop R. Louie contributed three, in five fielding chances. To King-chi was the erring Pegasusman, booting two more clusters of five runs on three chances.

### JUNE TITLE FIGHT PRESSED BY NOVA

IN KNOCKING OUT Max Baer, Lou Nova knocked Promoter Mike Jacobs' Summer schedule askew, writes a correspondent from New York. Ray Carlen, who pilots Nova, was insistent that his boxer capitalise quickly on his decisive triumph, and his argument was so vehement and convincing that Jacobs beat a hasty retreat to St. Louis to think the matter over.

Feeling that too long a delay would take the edge off what he considers his best fighting form, Nova commissioned Carlen to ask for a bout with Joe Louis in June for the latter's heavyweight championship of the world. But Lou, already tentatively matched with Billy Conn for a June scrap, and Jacobs seemed determined to keep that match on his schedule.

#### Nova Spurns Conn

It had been Mike's plan to match Nova with the winner of the Louis-Conn struggle for a September meeting, but Baer's two-time conqueror would have none of that. Through Carlen, he pointed out that the articles for the Conn-Louis battle call for a return battle within ninety days in the event of a victory for the Pittsburgh fighter, and such an eventuality would postpone Nova's opportunity at the title until next Spring.

On all sides the question has arisen, "Why doesn't Mike match Nova with Conn and have the winner fight Louis?" That seems the natural set-up, but it would be almost impossible for Jacobs to persuade Conn to give up his chance for the title to fight somebody else for the same chance. Nova, on the other hand, will not consider Conn as an opponent on the ground that the Pittsburgh fighter has done comparatively little to warrant such a battle.

Carlen made his demand for a bout with Louis with so much emphasis that Jacobs finally asked the manager to see him in St. Louis.

The promoter, if sufficient pressure is brought to bear on him, can scrap the Louis-Conn bout for June, inasmuch as official contracts have not yet been signed. Regardless of the opinions voiced by Conn and Nova, a meeting between them is the one that the average boxing follower wants to see and it would be not at all surprising if Jacobs brought them together two months hence.

#### They Sent Their Managers

Neither Nova nor Baer appeared at the Twentieth Century headquarters to pick up his check, which amounted to \$22,303 each. They left that task to their managers. The beaten Baer, who bears no man ill-will, made it a point to visit Nova at his hotel, and the pair spent a pleasant couple of hours. Baer congratulated his fellow Californian, but pointed out what he considered a few flaws in Lou's make-up. Max refused to announce his retirement, insisting he would be back in the picture after "six months in the sunshine."

The beaten boxer carried considerable evidence of his ordeal of the night before, the right side of his face being swollen to the size of a grapefruit and evincing a colour scheme in which an angry purple was the motif.

Jacobs declared that the crowd at the Nova-Baer fight was the largest ever to see a bout in the Garden. The figures revealed 22,414 tickets had been sold, and the promoter explained there were more than a thousand complimentary-ticket-holders in attendance. These uncounted observers, according to Jacobs, raised the total considerably over the figure of 23,190, the record created by the Fritz Zivie-Henry Armstrong clash last January.

### BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for Saturday:—

**CLUB DE RECREIO**  
Recreio "B" will meet Recreio "A"—1st Division "B"—F. A. Machado, D. C. Alves, E. de Sousa and B. Basto (Skip); C. M. Silva, C. H. Basto, J. C. Remedios and J. J. Basto (Skip); C. Vas, A. F. Noronha, A. M. Rodrigues and A. F. Guterres (Skip). 1st Division "A"—Joe Luz, C. E. Marques, H. A. Alves and C. G. Silva (Skip); L. F. Xavier, C. Roza Pereira, J. E. Noronha and F. X. Silva (Skip); F. X. Soares, C. A. Lopes, F. V. V. Ribeiro and R. F. Luz (Skip). 2nd Division (v. H.K.F.C., Away)—E. L. Barros, H. M. Xavier, C. M. S. Alves and O. P. Remedios (Skip); A. J. Osmund, A. V. Bacros, Fred A. Xavier and J. R. Soares (Skip); L. A. Rozario, F. J. A. Marques, C. C. Pereira and J. A. Remedios (Skip). 3rd Division (v. C.C.C., Home)—C. F. Rozario, F. Sequeira, M. F. Pinna and P. A. Yvanovich (Skip); A. A. Roza, E. Cunha, F. X. Monteiro and M. A. Carvalho (Skip); G. A. Pinna, G. Ribeiro, M. Mendonca and M. Alarcon (Skip).

### BASEBALL TO START NEXT MONTH

The baseball League season will open on Saturday, June 7, probably on the Chatham Road ground.

#### Entrance Fees

Entrance fees will be \$50 per team and \$100 per commercial at teams. Members' and player's tickets will be issued as usual and intending entrants are reminded that they can recover the amount of their entrance fees by the sale of member's tickets issued by them.

Owing to the present unsettled situation, U.S.S. Tulsa, which has been admitted to the League, will be allowed to have U.S.S. Asheville substitute for them when they are away from the Colony with the proviso that, if both teams are here at the same time, they will not combine forces.

The following were elected officers:—

President:—Mr. B. C. Lawrence. Vice-President:—"Doc." Molten.

Hon. Secretary:—Mr. Roy Lau. Hon. Treasurer:—Mr. H. A. Barros.

Committee:—Mr. J. Welford (Royal Engineers), Mr. P. K. Lau (Chung Wah), Mr. C. W. Wagoner (Hong Kong Baseball), Mr. H. Winglee (South China), Paymaster Usher (Tulsa), Mr. P. J. Tonnochy (Hong Kong Beer), Lt. S. Goodman (Mindanao).

#### WATER-POLO RESULTS

The following were the results of the European Water-polo League played yesterday:—Y.M.C.A. 5, Middlesex "A" 2; Signals 2, Navy "C" 0.



# THE SOLUTION TO MYSTERY OF ARSENAL SOCCER STAR

## Bryn Jones Grade Three To Medical Board

### Playing For Arsenal Does Not Pay

BRYN JONES, Arsenal's £14,000 piece of Soccer property and a Grade One star, is a Grade Three man. There I clear up much of the Bryn Jones mystery, writes Paul Irwin in the "Sunday Express." It is the reason why the Welsh wizard — the greatest thing on two footballing feet since Alex James — is not in the Army.

There are people who have slandered Bryn Jones. They have said that he has been dodging the Army. They have hinted that he is fit and strong. They have asked why this super star, a quick silver performer able to stay ninety gruelling minutes in Cup or League stuff, has escaped the Service net at the age of twenty-eight.

So much for slander. Here are the facts as they came to me when I talked with Bryn in his father's home that clings to the face of the broadening mountains towering above Merthyr.

Listen to this. It is Bryn Jones talking for the first time on his Army medical examination.

"Am I dodging the Army? Indeed I am not. What can I do if they are not wanting me? Back last June I registered with the twenty seven, and about three weeks later went down from Merthyr to Pontypool for my medical examination.

"The doctors went over me about three or four of them. And they turned me down, put me in a low grade. What was it? Grade Three.

"Seems funny, I know. Yet there it is. Even when I was called back for another examination about a fortnight later the same thing happened. They didn't change the grade of my medical fitness."

#### The Silent Knight

Now Bryn Jones isn't given to long speeches. He's the Silent Knight of Soccerdom. The magic is in his feet and his quick, thrusting football brain, not his tongue.

Yet, stung by the bluntness of my questions, the words came tumbling like the Taff down there in the valley below his house.

"What can I do about it?" he asked. "All that's left is to wait until they do want men from my grade. They're calling up some of them now, aren't they? Well, maybe my turn will come."

"I am ready to go. I don't want to dodge the Army. Indeed, I have never wanted to dodge it. There was talk that I should try to become a P.T. instructor. It didn't appeal to me. Anyhow, how would they view a Grade Three man?"

I couldn't answer that one. But I could crack another question at the great little Soccer star, a question that Bryn Jones seized and shook and tore to shreds like a Welsh terrier.

"Tell me, Bryn," sez I, "tell me why you don't play for Arsenal these days? Here you are, turning out pretty regularly for Aberaman, a small-time Welsh club, while Arsenal want you."

#### Pay Is The Same

The dark, crinkly headed boy—and for all his twenty-eight years Bryn Jones still has the eager freshness of an up-and-comer—looked up sharply.

"I know what you mean," he said quietly. "They are saying that I don't want to come to London because of the blitz. Isn't that it? Ah! It is silly."

"Here's why I have been playing for Aberaman and not Arsenal. I have only to go over the mountains eight miles to get to Aberaman. I can leave Saturday morning and be in time for the match. It is different when Arsenal want me. There's the journey down the valley to Cardiff and the trip to town, which means leaving here Friday night and not getting home till late Sunday."

"That's not all. Arsenal pay thirty shillings a game in these war days. So do Aberaman. I can get just the same Soccer pay down here as I can by travelling to London."

Now, I have the idea that the Welsh international is a sight happier these days than he has been for a long time. Why? Because he is back among his own people.

I asked him if the fact that he

was back home helped him when he was playing with Aberaman. After all, the locals were telling me that Bryn "Our Bryn," they say proudly was turning in games that really put him into his £14,000 class.

#### The Secret

"Yes, it helps," came the answer. "The secret is that I now have time to carry out things. There's not the thought of League points that may be lost if you do

#### BOISSERIE IN HONG KONG

Alec Boisserie, former Shanghai Interport soccer player now stationed in Manila, is now in the Colony on a brief visit. Boisserie is the captain of the Manila Y.C.O. team which was recently involved in the riot that occurred during their game with the Hong Kong Eastern team, which was then on a visit to the P.I. Boisserie will be spending a holiday in Shanghai.

#### FIRST C.B.C. POLO CLUB GYMKHANA

The Chinese Bathing Club will hold their first swimming gala of the season at their pavilion at North Point on Saturday, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

##### OPEN EVENTS

Following is the programme.

Men's 200 metres Relay

Ladies' 100 metres Free-style

##### CLUB EVENTS

Children 50 metres Free-style

handicap

Ladies' 50 metres Free-style

handicap

Men's 100 metres Free-style

handicap

Blindfold Race

Ladies' 100 metres Breast-

stroke

Men's 50 metres Free-style

Obstacle Race.

a thing wrong. There's not the same class up against you. You can do things standing still.

So I left Bryn in this home town. Left him to his long morning walks over the mountains in weather-stained flannels and sturdy brogues. "I keep fit that way" to the lectures he attends with his cullies at the Penyard Social Settlement and to his memories.

The following is the list of entries, with the names of owners in brackets, for the "Show Jumping" competition of the H.K. Polo Club Gymkhana to be held at Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon, on Saturday, May 24.

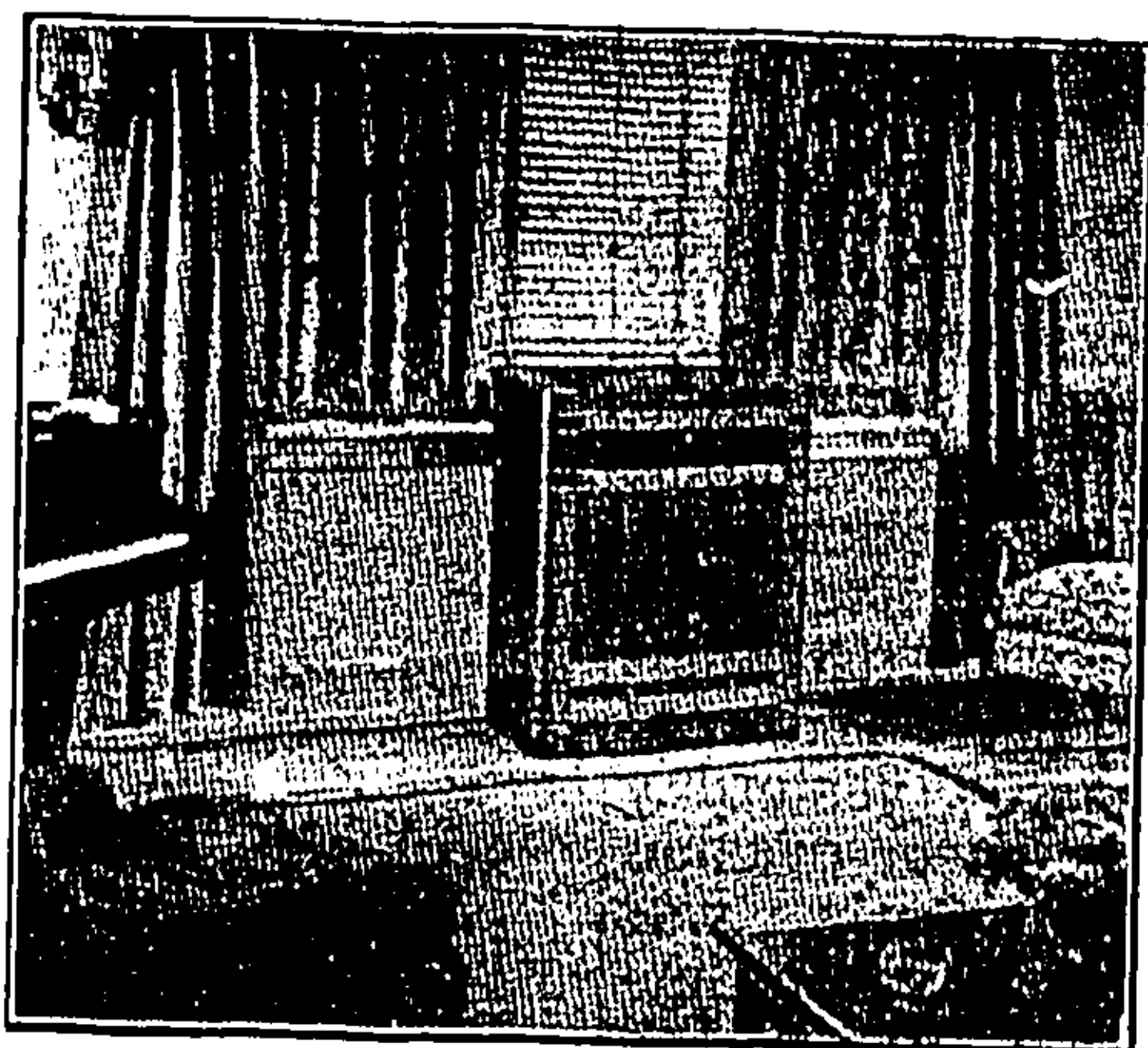
##### "A" Class (China Ponies):—

Canary (Capt. T. Whittaker), Danden (J. K. Bousfield), Double Chance (Capt. P. J. T. Skipwith), Herga (J. C. A. Gundersen), Lady Luck (Cottage Club), March Brown (W. T. Stanton), That's That (L. A. Lewis), Trojan (L. A. Lewis), Three Farthings (Mrs. J. Whittaker).

##### "B" Class (Australian Ponies):—

Bingo (Mrs. P. J. T. Skipwith), Brutus (G. Trevorton), Canberra Girl (Mrs. W. T. Stanton), Cape York (Dr. L. Reidy), Ruston (Cottage Club), George (Lt. E. A. Bompas), Horatio (G. O'Connor), King Solomon (Capt. A. Atkinson), Kiola (Capt. H. Marsh), Lady Precious Stream (J. R. Smith), Prince's Bridge (D. G. E. Middleburg), Queen Of Sheba (Capt. A. Atkinson), Spectrum (Mrs. P. J. T. Skipwith), Winter's Tale (Capt. F. S. Hancock), Barrah (Capt. E. J. A. Fielden).

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# VICHY AMBASSADOR IN U.S. LODGES PROTEST

Quotes Armistice To Justify Landings In Syria

## NO ESSENTIAL LIGHTENING OF ARMISTICE TERMS

An official German communique regarding the Franco-German negotiations was expected to be issued last night, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

Berlin assures the German public that concessions made to Vichy will not cancel any essential parts of the armistice terms. —Reuter.

## N.Z. PREMIER REVIEWS TROOPS

The New Zealand Premier, Mr. Peter Fraser, yesterday reviewed New Zealand troops who had returned from Greece.

He declared "I know you are all ready to perform a similar task if called upon." —Reuter.

## LIMITED SYRIA INFILTRATION

About 50 German planes so far have crossed Syria it is believed in London, according to Reuter.

## Threatened Seizure Of French Ships

M. HENRI HAYE, Vichy Ambassador in Washington, yesterday protested to the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, against what he termed an "unfriendly gesture" by the United States in placing French vessels in United States ports under protective surveillance.

M. Haye told the press he discussed with Mr. Hull the entire question of United States opinion concerning France at the present time, since the French Government were amazed at the reaction in the United States to present events in France, particularly the progress of Franco-German "collaboration."

M. Haye emphasised that Article 18 of the Franco-German armistice agreement stipulates that all French airports are to be under the control of Germany and Italy.

"THAT FACT HAS BEEN FORTGOTTEN IT WILL BE RECALLED," SAID M. HAYE.

He explained that under the armistice terms, German planes had a right to land on French airfields in Syria, and declared, "Any attempts to split the French people will fail," since there had been and would be "only one

French nation, under our great leader, Marshal Petain."

### The Pledge

M. Haye continued: "We have pledged we are not going into the war but we claim the right of the French people to take what steps are necessary to meet our needs."

HE ADDED HE HAD REITERATED TO MR. HULL THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WOULD PROTECT ITS POSSESSIONS, SUCH AS MARTINIQUE AND DAKAR, AGAINST ANY ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THEIR SOVEREIGNTY. —REUTER

## Sheer Evasion

Commenting on the statement in which the French consul in Sydney, M. Lancial, deprecated "savage attacks upon Vichy" in connection with Syria, Sir Frederick Stewart, Australian Minister for External Affairs, said yesterday that it was sheer evasion to pretend Syria was powerless to prevent German planes using the aerodromes.

It was clear the French in Syria acted under Vichy instructions to place Syria at the disposal of the enemy.

Sir Frederick added, "Vichy's treacherous complicity with Germany is so manifest that French consular representatives in British countries would be best advised to exercise the greatest caution in their utterances and activities." —Reuter.

### WINDWARD ISLES ADMINISTRATION

Lieutenant-Colonel A. E. Beater, Colonial Secretary, Gibraltar, has been appointed Administrator of St. Vincent, Windward Islands, in succession to Major W. Bain Gray, whose appointment as Governor of St. Helena was announced recently. —British Wire- less.

### CONTROL OF U.S. SHIPPING RATES

The U.S. House of Representatives yesterday passed and sent to the Senate the Bill giving the Maritime Commission authority to control shipping rates, cargoes and voyages in the interests of national defence. —Reuter.



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### AMERICAN ENTRY INTO WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The British plan for victory is now based on expectations of eventual American entry into the war, it was declared by certain circles in Washington yesterday.

The British Government, it is suggested, has changed its war strategy to holding out until the United States is fully prepared to enter the war.

It is believed, rightly or wrongly, that once it is apparent to the American people that Britain cannot win without American participation, the United States will throw its entire weight into the conflict. The United States Government recently has made no effort to discourage this view.

To the contrary, the statements of Mr. Cordell Hull, Mr. Henry Stimson, Col. Frank Knox and Mr. Harold Ickes are generally viewed as tending to confirm the belief. — International News Service.

### Vichy Severs Last Link

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Vichy has broken off the vague diplomatic relations which have existed with Britain since the French capitulation, and Jacques Chartier, last French consular agent in London, has been ordered to leave.

British consuls in Syria have also been asked by Vichy to close their consulates.

Such relations as will continue to exist between Vichy and Britain will be carried on through neutrals, such as the United States. — International News Service.

### PROTECTION OF SHIPPING MOVEMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U.S. Maritime Commission has extended voluntary censorship to the "actual or intended movements of any vessels used to aid Britain and the other Democracies," especially to the Red Sea and China. — International News Service.

### FRENCH COLONIAL WAR LOOMS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Free French in Ethiopia, Libya, Chad Territory, Gabon and the Cameroons are energetically preparing to defy Vichy, it was stated in London yesterday.

Free French sources in London claim that the Vichy-German plans provide for a three-pronged drive from Libya into West Africa with the cooperation of the French Fleet, some of which is mobilised in Toulon for African duty, while other naval units are being prepared at Oran. — International News Service.

### MR. CORDELL HULL'S SHARP RETORT TO VICHY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IN A SHARP RETORT TO THE FRENCH PROTEST AGAINST THE SEIZURES OF FRENCH SHIPS, THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, YESTERDAY REQUESTED VICHY IN A STRONGLY-WORDED COMMUNICATION TO KEEP WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE ARMISTICE.

Mr. Cordell Hull warned that a satisfactory relationship with the United States, as well as other peaceful nations, would not exist as long as there was a general impression that France is drawing closer to Germany.

The interview between M. Henri Haye, the Vichy Ambassador, and Mr. Cordell Hull is reported to have been a stormy affair.

Mr. Hull virtually ignored remonstrances against ship seizures and brushed aside the French protest against American reaction to Petain's conciliatory attitude towards Germany. — International News Service.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LATEST REPORTS reaching London of the sensational German landing on Crete from the air reveal that the Nazi strength is much greater than at first realised, and that the invaders who have obtained a foothold, although a precarious one, are "in great force."

Thousands of German soldiers, it is now stated, were dropped from trains of gliders and Heinkel transports in the greatest parachute assault in history, which may be a "dress rehearsal" for an attempted invasion of England.

The Germans, who are now holly engaged with British, New Zealand and Greek troops, are stated to number not less than 5,000.

The assault began shortly after dawn, with hundreds of low-flying transports, many of them towing strings of gliders.

The main action with the invaders took place near Canea the capital of Crete, and continued all night. British sources declare confidence that the invaders will be wiped out soon.

Meanwhile there is no news of King George of Greece, who went to Crete with the Government when the fall of Athens became inevitable.

### Uniform Report Denied

The Berlin spokesman yesterday denied Mr. Churchill's statement that the parachutists wore New Zealand uniforms, saying they were dressed in the sand-brown tropical uniform of the "German African Corps," the unit which has been in action in Libya. — International News Service.

### ICELAND BREAKING A LINK

Iceland has decided to sever its connections with Denmark, it was learned in London.

The Iceland Parliament last evening adopted a resolution giving the country the right to denounce the Act of Union which, since 1918, united Iceland with Denmark.

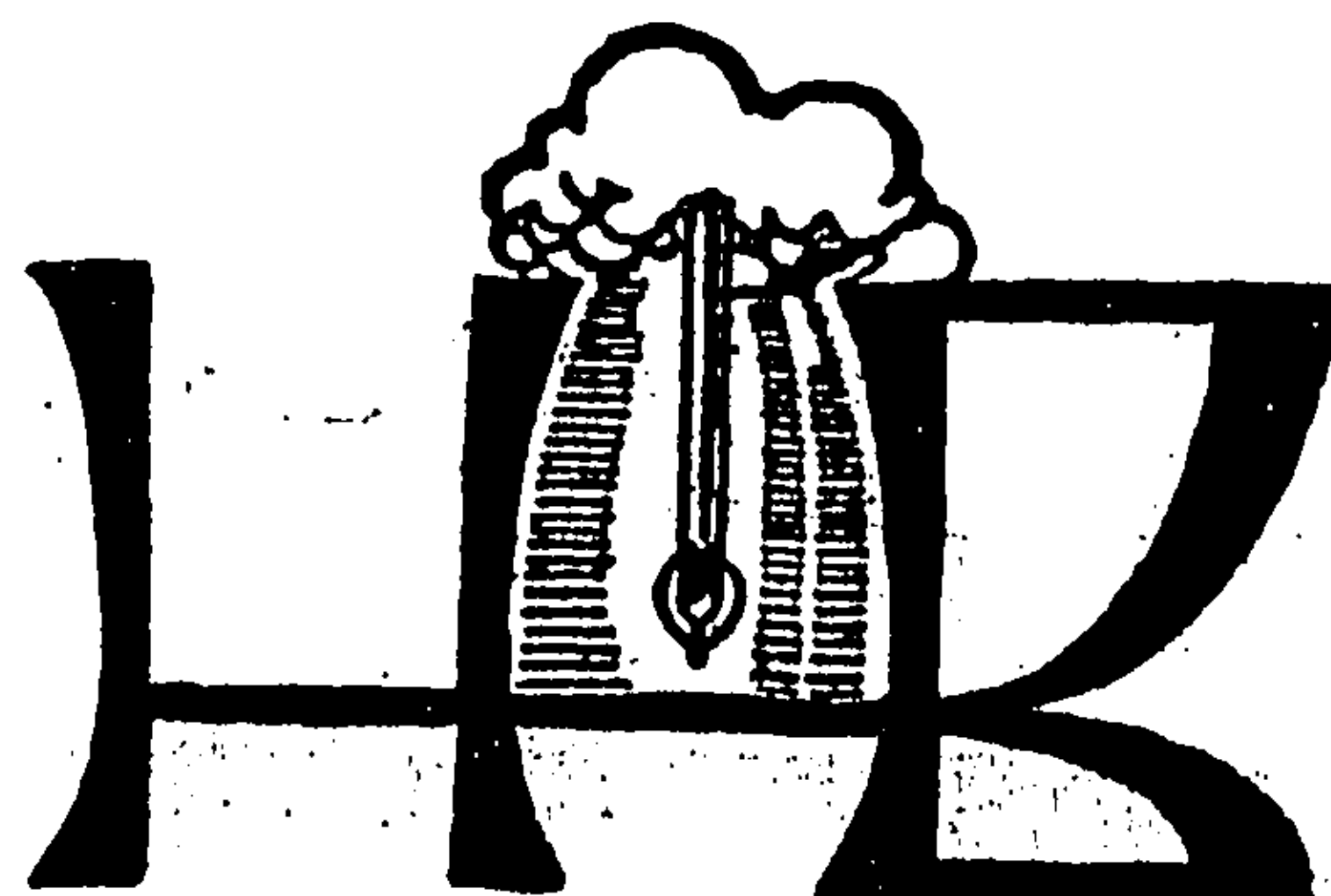
The Act cannot formally be cancelled until after the war but a Regent is to be selected as soon as possible to take over the powers formerly exercised over Iceland by the King of Denmark.

Since the occupation of Denmark by Germany, she has been unable to carry out her obligations to Iceland under the Act of Union. These obligations included taking charge of Iceland's foreign affairs. — Reuter.

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— AND THEN TRY!



# CRETE SITUATION NOW IN HAND

Premier Makes Unexpected Statement In House

## Colourful Detail Of Cut And Thrust At Sollum

**THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, MADE ANOTHER SURPRISE STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, DISCLOSING DRAMATIC NEWS THAT THE SITUATION IN CRETE IS NOW IN HAND.**

He recalled that he had, earlier in the day, mentioned the beginning of a serious attack upon Crete, and thought the House would like to know, before it separated, what was the latest Government information.

Mr. Churchill said: "I cannot pretend that this statement is of momentous importance. It is only because we are altogether and I thought the House was most anxious I should keep them fully informed.

"After a good deal of intense bombing of Suda Bay and various aerodromes, in the night of about 1500 enemy troops, carrying New Zealand battle dress (predominant ones) landed by gliders, parachutes and troop carriers, in the Cania Malemi area.

"This message was sent at noon to-day and the military reported the situation was in hand.

"A LATER REPORT, AT 3 P.M., SAYS THERE IS CONTINUOUS RECONNAISSANCE ACCOMPANIED BY SPORADIC BOMBING AND MACHINE GUNNING, CHIEFLY AGAINST THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCES.

"The military hospital between Cania and Malemi, which was captured by the enemy, has now been recaptured.

### One Party Left

"A fairly strong enemy party is reported south of the Cania-Malemi road, which is not yet mopped up, but other parties are thought to be accounted for.

"I thought people would like to hear how the action so far has developed." (Cheers).

Earlier, Mr. Churchill, referring to the South African troops in Abyssinia, said they had been ordered by General Smuts to go forward, and now, as this theatre is closing down, they are to move northwards to the Mediterranean. (Cheers).

"As two British and Indian divisions gained laurels in the fighting at Kassala, and all the way from Kassala to Keren and up to the final events.

"These Indian divisions consist of six Indian battalions and three British battalions. Their arduous and faithful endurance of hardship has won the high regard of their British comrades.

Sometimes we have seen cases where not a single British officer remained and a battalion conducted itself in a most effective manner.

"Any account of this campaign reflects very high honour upon the soldiers of India of all castes and creeds engaged.

### Sollum Action

"The second event which has occurred since we were last here is the remarkably well sustained action at Sollum.

"This is of interest because it was fought exclusively between British and German troops.

"IT HAS NOT, I SUPPOSE, BEEN FOUND WORTH WHILE TO MAINTAIN ITALIAN TROOPS AT THE END OF SUCH A LONG AND PRECARIOUS LINE OF COMMUNICATION. (LAUGHTER).

"The fighting was severe but not on a very large scale.

"Several of our motorised brigades, supported by armoured brigades and strong artillery, advanced 30 miles from the position where they have been deployed for some weeks past and attacked the enemy—taking Sollum, Hell Fire Pass and Fort Capuzzo—and armoured troops had got well

round the flank and were well in the situation at about 1 p.m. on May 17.

### Resolute Counter-Attack

"But the Germans launched a resolute counter-attack with about 40 tanks and recaptured Capuzzo. That entailed the withdrawal of the armoured brigades from the advantageous position which it had attained. The operations were, therefore, indecisive.

"The Germans claim 100 British prisoners. We have 500 German prisoners, and their losses in tanks and personnel are certainly as heavy, if not heavier, than ours.

"But this operation must be regarded as a background. For over six weeks past the Germans have been proclaiming they would shortly be in Suez and have been making much credit with the neutral world by spreading such a statement.

"It is therefore satisfactory to see that we have retained strong offensive power and that fighting is being maintained, at any rate, on even terms in the advanced areas of approach to Egypt." (Reuter).

## AIRMEN FAMILY TRAGEDY

Announcement yesterday that Flying-Officer Henry Francis Dempster Breese is missing, marks a triple family tragedy of the war.

His father, Air Vice-Marshal C. D. Breese, was killed on active service as result of a flying accident, it was announced in March.

His elder brother, Flight-Lt. J. C. Breese, is a prisoner of war in Germany.—Reuter.

## CLEANING UP DESK FOR MR. MENZIES

THE AUSTRALIAN WAR CABINET HAS CLEARED UP OUTSTANDING BUSINESS IN PREPARATION FOR THE RETURN OF THE PREMIER, MR. MENZIES, FROM NORTH AMERICA AT THE WEEK-END.

Mr. Menzies will broadcast a message to the nation immediately on arrival.

Mr. Fadden, Acting Premier, will hand over to Mr. Menzies officially on May 26.—Reuter.

## CHASE OVER WALLS FOR BURGLAR

After pursuing a burglar over three walls, Mr. B. Pengelly, of the P.W.D., residing at No. 93, Waterloo Road, arrested the man yesterday morning.

The man, Lee Hung-kwan, 34, was charged before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson this morning with attempting to break into No. 93, Waterloo Road with intent to steal, with breaking into No. 260, Prince Edward Road on May 13, with stealing a camera, an electric fan, a pair of spectacles and a quantity of cigarettes, and with a breach of the Deportation Ordinance.

Sgt. G. S. Alexander said that about 4 a.m. yesterday, Mr. Pengelly was awakened by a noise. He tip-toed out to find accused in the act of removing a pane of glass from the door.

At the Police Station, defendant admitted that he had broken into Mr. Jones' residence and stolen the property stated in the charge. Only the electric fan, which had been pawned for \$1, was recovered.

Accused, who had four previous convictions, was sentenced to a year's hard labour.

## JAPANESE PLANE SHOT DOWN

A JAPANESE PURSUIT PLANE WAS BROUGHT DOWN DURING AN AIR RAID OVER CHENG TU YESTERDAY. IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED BY THE CHENG TU AIR DEFENCE HEADQUARTERS.

More than 60 planes of the 12th and 13th Air Squadrons of the Japanese Navy flew into Szechwan from Hupch around 8 a.m. While the bombers attacked Liangshan and Ipin, eastern Szechwan towns, dumping their explosives indiscriminately, 21 pursuits in two groups headed for Chengtu.

While flying low over the southern part of the city, one group composed of 12 machines was fired at by Chinese anti-aircraft guns. One machine, No. 762, of the Boeing type, was hit and crashed at Peiyangchang.—Central News.

## TRADE PLOT ALLEGED

An Axis trade plot in the Far East is alleged in reports reaching London to-day.

Japan and Germany, it is said, were using Thailand as a purchasing agent to secure war supplies from the Netherlands East Indies. A special trade mission was sent to Batavia, with cash, offering to buy oil ships and rubber which were to be sent to Japan and Germany via Russia. The Dutch discovered the mission was acting on behalf of the Axis and declined to consider the offer.—Central.

## "U.S. ABOUT TO TAKE A DECISIVE STEP"

The Polish Premier, General Sikorski, who has just returned to England from the United States, said yesterday "The United States is about to take a decisive step." — Reuter.

## NOT SENT THROUGH TURKEY

WAR MATERIAL SENT FROM SYRIA HAS NOT GONE THROUGH TURKISH TERRITORY, ACCORDING TO A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

This source reveals the war material was sent by rail to Aleppo, where it was unloaded and transferred to a fleet of Iraqi lorries which conveyed the material by road to Mosul.—Reuter.

## LOYALTY OF THE REAL IRAQ

"Well established information reaching me makes me certain that the people of Iraq and the majority of army officers repudiate and condemn this subversive movement," the Regent, Emir Abdullah, told Reuter somewhere in the Middle East.

"They maintain the highest loyalty to the constitution of Iraq and to the Treaty of Alliance concluded by the late King Feisal with Britain.

"It is probable that the people of Iraq will assert this feeling."

The Emir added that the Iraq coup d'etat was carried out by "a handful of individuals working in the interests of foreign powers." — Reuter.

Rafael Trujillo, Dictator of the Dominican Republic, arrived in Nassau from New York yesterday.

He is to meet the Governor, the Duke of Windsor, and the Duchess, at Government House.—Reuter.

# CHANCE OF NAZI SUCCESS VERY SLENDER

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THE GERMAN ATTEMPT to establish a foothold in Crete by parachutists and airborne troops, is unquestionably a most daring and hazardous move. The chances of success are slender.

It can be regarded as a big gamble but is probably intended as a full-dress rehearsal for other invasion plans against Britain.

As far as it is possible to guess the German plans from the meagre data available, they will probably try to seize the coastal strip, so that blockade-runners can be rushed across from Greek waters while British warships are kept off by heavy air attacks.

Parachutists may also try to seize aerodromes and may attempt to sow panic among the population by indiscriminate shooting.

The Cretans have always been among the best Greek soldiers and it is most unlikely the Germans will find Fifth Columnists among them.

Although no figures are available for the strength of the British, New Zealand and Greek forces in Crete, there is no reason to doubt they would be more than a match for any airborne troops whose numbers necessarily are limited.

### Guerilla War

The R.A.F. can be relied on to take severe toll of the heavy Junkers planes, and the Royal Navy, with an anchorage in Suda Bay, should be in a position to maintain a pretty effective blockade against any approach from the Greek coast or the Dodecanese.

Parachutists, who are able to carry ammunition and iron rations for several days, may be able to institute some form of guerilla warfare, but the odds against the invaders are heavy.—Reuter.

## LOSSES IN SHANSI BATTLES

WHILE ADMITTING THAT A CHINESE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, GENERAL WANG CHUN, WAS KILLED IN ACTION IN THE CHUNTIAOSHAN BATTLE, IN SOUTHERN SHANSI, THE CHINESE MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN CHUNGKING DENIED THE JAPANESE ALLEGATION THAT TWO CHINESE ARMY CORPS COMMANDERS AND A DIVISIONAL COMMANDER WERE KILLED AND ONE DEPUTY DIVISIONAL COMMANDER TAKEN PRISONER.

"With the fighting at Chuntiaoshan on such a large scale," the spokesman said, "there are bound to be heavy casualties on both sides."

"After a fortnight of desperate fighting, in which the Japanese suffered heavy casualties, the situation is now developing in the Chinese favour."—Reuter.



# Mr. Churchill Declines To Be Drawn On Subject Of Hess

## NAUSEATING RHAPSODIES IN PRESS

**MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL REFUSED TO BE DRAWN ON THE SUBJECT OF RUDOLF HESS WHEN QUESTIONERS BOMBARDED HIM IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.**

Major Vyvyan Adams asked whether it had been established whether Hess's visit was planned with the German Government's connivance.

The Prime Minister replied: "I am not yet in a position to make a statement on this subject, and I am not at all sure when I shall be."

Major Adams then asked if Government have actively in mind the possibility that the whole stunt may be a common or garden plant; also whether they will discourage the press from renewing their "nauseating rhapsodies on this blood-stained crook." (Laughter and cheers).

The Prime Minister: "I certainly do not feel I ought to retract in any way from the vehemence of Major Adams' statement." (Laughter).

### Delicate Appetite

Mr. Robert Tylor (Labour) complained of press descriptions of "this man's very delicate appetite and the means taken to satisfy it."

Mr. Tylor added: "Our people believe there are many people in concentration camps who had just as delicate appetites, and they are not satisfied in this case."

The Prime Minister: "Yes, certainly, but as far as I am at present advised, he is being treated as a prisoner of war and will receive treatment appropriate for a prisoner."

### Nazi Efforts

The German propagandists are still trying to explain away the Hess incident, says the diplomatic correspondent of "The Times."

The whole affair is now closed, they announced at the week-end, after a week in which they had declared with equal fervour that Hess was mad that he was perfectly sane, that he knew nothing of importance, that the British would torture him into revealing vital German secrets, that he had been lured across the North Sea into a cunning British trap, that he was an idealist who freely undertook a dangerous mission for the sake of the fatherland, that he was Hitler's successor and that he was not Hitler's successor.—Reuter.

### "Entertaining"

Asked if he had noticed a Press description of Hess as an idealist, Mr. Churchill replied:

"I do not think I can indulge in this retrospective censorship of the Press."

"There was very great public interest in this matter. We were not able to give any guidance."

"The Germans gave different guidance every day and the Press naturally endeavoured to satisfy the public by recording all kinds of details that came to their hand."

"It seems to me that the whole episode has been entertaining as well as important."

### Nazi "Guidance"

The different and contradictory "guidance" which the Nazi propaganda machine has been giving on the subject of Rudolf Hess and to which the Prime Minister referred in the Commons yesterday must be sorely tried to find an explanation of a laudatory article printed in the official party newspaper "Essener National Zeitung," once the property and still frequently the mouthpiece of Goering.

The article was published on

April 27, commemorating the eighth anniversary of Hess becoming Deputy Fuehrer, and said: "Some time ago—just before the outbreak of this war—Rudolf Hess was once described as 'the conscience of the party'."

"If we ask why the Fuehrer's Deputy was given this honourable name the reason is clear."

### Reason Is Clear

"There is no single aspect of our public life with which the Deputy Fuehrer does not have to concern himself. His sphere of activity is so wide and manifold that it simply cannot be described in a few words."

"And it lies in the nature of the Deputy Fuehrer's duties that the public hears little of his influence. Very few people know that many Government measures—especially those concerned with war production and with the party—which are particularly applauded by the public because they take such strong account of the real feeling of the people, are to be attributed to the personal initiative of the Fuehrer's Deputy."—British Wireless.

## NEW U.S. ECONOMIC ADVISER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT CALLED IN MR. LUBIN, COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR STATISTICS, AS HIS ECONOMIC ADVISER ON THE LEASE AND LEND PROGRAMME, AND PREPARED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO CREATE A NATIONAL HOME DEFENCE ORGANISATION.

While Mr. Lubin's appointment has not been announced officially, it is learned he will head the division of economic defence designed to check and counter the Axis barter drive for world trade.—International News Service.

## FRENCH AND MARTINIQUE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was announced in Vichy yesterday that the Government was suspending all transshipment visas to the French island of Martinique and possessions in the Caribbean, on account of the uncertainty of the situation of these islands.

Lately, United States warships have been patrolling the areas around the French islands.—International News Service.

## GERMAN GROUND STAFF AT ALEPPO

Aleppo airport, in Syria, is occupied by a German ground staff, and all the 20 or more Syrian airports are available for German use, says the Ankara correspondent of the Columbia Broadcasting System, quoted by Reuter.

## FRENCH PILOTS IN SYRIA DESERT

The Cairo correspondent of the Independent French Agency says a certain number of French planes have been flown over the Syrian frontier by their pilots to join General de Gaulle.—Reuter.

## ULSTER TO CONSCRIPT FOR WAR

Conscription is to be imposed in Northern Ireland and Government's decision to do so will be announced shortly by the Premier, Mr. Andrews.

Northern Ireland was omitted from the Statute of the Conscription Act imposed in Britain in 1939, on account of a strong representation made to Government by Mr. de Valera, the Eire Premier, who stated that if imposed it would lead to strong opposition from the nationalist minority in Northern Ireland.

The position has changed since then with the bombing of Belfast, in which homes of all parties were bombed alike and assistance was given from Eire by their fire and ambulance services.

It does not look, therefore, as if there will be any great stirring of minority public opinion in Northern Ireland when the decision is announced. Reuter.

## AUSTRALIA'S TEXTILE PRODUCTION

Australia's textile production for war purposes was outlined by Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Premier, yesterday.

He said that as a result of the Delhi Conference last year Australia was asked to supply very large quantities of equipment for other parts of the Empire which were partly met from accumulated stocks but, with large orders now to fulfil from Delhi, the most intensive effort on the part of industries and some sacrifice on the part of the community would be necessary.

With recent overseas orders, work already allocated plus local requirements for the next nine months, would throw an enormous strain on the spinning, weaving, knitting, woollen and associated industries, also the boot industry.

Total value of recent orders approximated £7,000,000, while those under immediate discussion were estimated at another £4,000,000.—Reuter.

### RUBBER QUOTA

The International Rubber Regulation Committee yesterday fixed the quota for the third quarter at 100 per cent. This is unchanged from the previous quota.—Reuter.

## MEANING OF THE DEFECTION OF HERR HESS

**HOWEVER MAGNIFICENT his military machine, Hitler can hold his success only if he satisfies his own people, says the "Seattle Post-Intelligencer."**

Whatever the primary cause of Hess's disaffection, one element very near the cornerstone of the Nazi edifice has crumbled. If that breach can widen, the whole unsound structure may collapse.

This would benefit the German people, who cannot hope for peace or for a healthy national development while their frenzied leadership, with each victory, looks for new worlds to conquer.

Henri Bernstein, in a letter to the "New York Times," says that when Marshal Petain orders the French people to follow him along the path of honour, he is actually suggesting they follow him down his road to treason.

"WHAT HE INTENDS OUR COUNTRY TO DO IS PLACE ITSELF IN COMPLETE DEPENDENCE ON ITS MORTAL ENEMY, GERMANY."

"England kept her promise to us. She has done more than that."

"In the hour of defeat, in the hour when we left her alone in the field of battle, she revealed herself to be a most generous friend. No word of reproach fell from the lips of her statesmen."—Reuter.

### CONSULATE CLOSED

The offices of the Consulat de France, will be closed to the general public to-morrow, 22nd May, being the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady.

## FALLUJAH CAPTURE IMPORTANT

The great strategic value of the Iraqi town of Fallujah, captured by the British from the rebels, is stressed in Cairo military circles.

Fallujah Bridge is the only crossing of the Euphrates between Habbaniyah and Baghdad.

Had this narrow, one-way traffic bridge been destroyed—and it is thought that the rebels had mined it—Habbaniyah would have been cut off from British land-borne reinforcements, and since the Euphrates is in full flood, would have caused considerable embarrassment to British operations in this area.—Reuter.



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# ROOSEVELT OFFER TO SHIP FOOD TO IRELAND

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT announced an offer to ship food to Ireland, and also the creation of a structure of civilian defence in the United States, in the course of his press conference yesterday.

The President said the United States had offered to sell or charter two ships to Ireland and supply \$500,000 worth of food for the Irish civilian population.

The ships are to be manned by Irish crews and the purchase of food will be financed from a special Red Cross relief appropriation of \$50,000,000, \$500,000 being additional to any purchase made by Ireland herself.

President Roosevelt indicated no armaments would be available for sale to Ireland following the United States' general rule to supply munitions only to active belligerents.

Ships for Ireland would be placed under the Irish flag. They would probably carry much more than \$500,000 worth of food because Ireland intends to make purchases on her own account.

Concerning the civil defence plan, President Roosevelt announced he had established by executive order an Office of Civilian Defence which would be headed by Mayor LaGuardia of New York.

## Two Divisions

The President divided the new defence agency into two general divisions, one being the Board of Civilian Protection, with Mayor LaGuardia as chairman and including also representatives of the Departments of War, Justice and Navy.

The Board will advise and assist in the formulation of civilian defence measures and will attempt to provide "adequate protection of life and property" in the event of an emergency. The second division will include a "Volunteer Participation Committee," with representatives of various regions and interests of the nation.

Mr. LaGuardia would be unpaid and would remain Mayor of New York. — Reuter.

## NEW BANK OPENS IN SHANGHAI

Another new bank, known as the Shanghai Municipal Recovery Bank, capitalised at \$2,000,000, will be inaugurated shortly in Shanghai as a result of preparations made by the Shanghai Municipal Government, says the Japanese-sponsored Central Press Service.

Establishment of the bank marks realisation of an important step in an immense programme, which the Municipal authorities are endeavouring to bring to early fruition, for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Greater Shanghai, says the report.

Both Government and private interests will be represented in the Bank in a ratio of 51 to 49. Government shares will be taken up entirely by the Shanghai Municipal Government while private shares will be open to public subscription. — Reuter.

## CONVERSATION PIECE

Mrs. Daisy Warner, of Cleveland, U.S., Museum of Art, asserts that the hieroglyphics at the bottom of the museum's 2800 B.C. Egyptian bas relief say: "Nice weather we're having." — Associated Press.

## U.S. BOMBERS IN SERVICE IN N. AFRICA

AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURED IN THE U.S. HAVE BEEN USED AS BOMBERS IN THE NORTH AFRICAN CAMPAIGN FOR THE FIRST TIME.

They participated in the air bombardment of enemy positions around Fort Capuzzo on the afternoon of May 18, it was revealed by the Air Ministry news service yesterday.

Heavy bombs were dropped on German tanks and mechanised vehicles dispersed near the old Capuzzo aerodrome.

The squadron in question has an American citizen on its nominal roll. He is a sergeant air gunner, who received the D.F.M. for gallantry in the Abyssinian campaign. — Reuter.

## FOOD CACHES AGAINST RISK OF INVASION

As part of the preparations against risk of invasion the Food Ministry has already appointed in certain parts of the country voluntary food organisers to look after local food supplies should the committees in which they live be isolated by the enemy. Over 500 volunteers have already been appointed. — Reuter.

## CAUGHT WITH GOODS ON HIM

Sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed on Luk Siu-chung, 29, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for stealing 21 feet of electric wire from No. 90, Des Voeux Road West, and for possession of instruments fit for unlawful purposes.

Sergeant T. McLeod said accused was searched by a Police constable. A screw driver and the electric wire was found in his possession.

## STRAITS CHINESE LEADER DENOUNCES JAPANESE CANARD

DETERMINATION TO support the Chinese Government in Chungking and "the resistance policy, national unification and fighting the Japanese invaders to the end," was reasserted by Mr. Tan Kah-kee, leader of Overseas Chinese in Malaya and chairman of the China Relief Fund Association, in a statement to Singapore pressmen last evening.

Referring to a report published in a local Japanese-owned paper alleging that "representative leaders" in Fukien had cabled him "to return home," Mr. Tan declared he had not received a single message from Foochow.

If there had been such a message, he added, it could not be otherwise than "an enemy manipulation designed to create blasphemous rumours and instigations among Chinese overseas."

He pointed out that a "traditional trick of Japanese propagandists" was to sow the seeds of disintegration and friction among overseas Chinese who, by remitting unceasingly enormous sums to the Central Government for continued resistance, had proved "a great wall against the Japanese."

## Fukien Visit

It was true, Mr. Tan continued, "that during a visit to Fukien last autumn I witnessed numerous cases of ill-administration, and I repeatedly appealed to the Central Government to take steps to remove them."

"I believe that unless some-

thing is done to improve matters there, not only the people's sufferings will be deepened but a chance afforded enemies and traitors."

He added: "It is the duty of the citizen to his fatherland to reveal stumbling blocks in the way of resistance and national reconstruction."

"Inasmuch as the Japanese know I and my compatriots here are firmly determined to support the Government's policy, so the most malicious propaganda has always been directed towards defaming and disintegrating our unity." — Reuter.

## LOSS OF "CAMITO"

The sinking of the Royal Naval Auxiliary vessel "Camito" was announced by the Admiralty in London yesterday, says Reuter.

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# R.A.F. IN LIVELY ACTIVITY IN MIDDLE EAST

R.A.F. COUNTER-MEASURES to the latest Nazi efforts in the eastern Mediterranean are described in an R.A.F. Middle East communique which states: "Iraq and Syria - aircraft of the R.A.F. bombed military targets in and around Fallujah prior to the entry of our troops into the town.

Our aircraft also attacked Palmyra aerodrome, in Syria, where German aircraft were machine-gunned and bombed.

Greece and Crete during the night of May 18/19 heavy rains were made on German-occupied aerodromes in Greece. Three very violent explosions and a number of fires were caused at Hashant. At Elousis one building received a direct hit and several fires were started.

Enemy aircraft carried out a sustained attack throughout Monday on aerodromes in Crete.

A hospital at Canea was bombed and machine-gunned and some casualties caused to hospital staff.

## Five More Destroyed

Later reports disclose that on May 16 much greater damage was done to enemy aircraft over British Wireless.

## FIRST BISHOP OF HONOLULU

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Apostolic Delegate announced in Washington yesterday that the Pope has appointed Mons. James Sweeney, from San Francisco, to be first Bishop of Honolulu. International News Service.

## INVITATION TO LUEN YIK CHAIRMAN

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LUEN YIK GUILD, REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF THE FORMER NIGHT-SOIL COOLIES, MR. YUEN CHI-LING, WAS SUMMONED TO CENTRAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS, AT 9 A.M. TO-DAY.

It is understood that Yuen was requested to visit Headquarters in connection with the demonstration and riot staged at the Urban Council offices yesterday afternoon.

## One Detained

THIS MORNING THERE WAS ONLY ONE NIGHT-SOIL CARRIER, A WOMAN, REMAINING IN CELLS AT CENTRAL POLICE STATION, THE REMAINDER HAVING BEEN RELEASED DURING THE NIGHT.

The women were taken into custody following a riot, in which over 500 participated, at the Urban Council Headquarters, General Post Office Building, yesterday afternoon.

One of the women has been admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from head injuries which she received "in a brawl."

## U.S. ARMY FLIERS KILLED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Four U.S. Army fliers were killed yesterday in a crash of two light bombers in South Carolina while on a flight from Savannah, Georgia.—International News Service.

## MEXICO PATROLS BORDER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was revealed in Mexico City yesterday that the Mexican army has taken over the duty of patrolling the U.S. frontier, while the U.S. manoeuvres are on in the summer.—International News Service.

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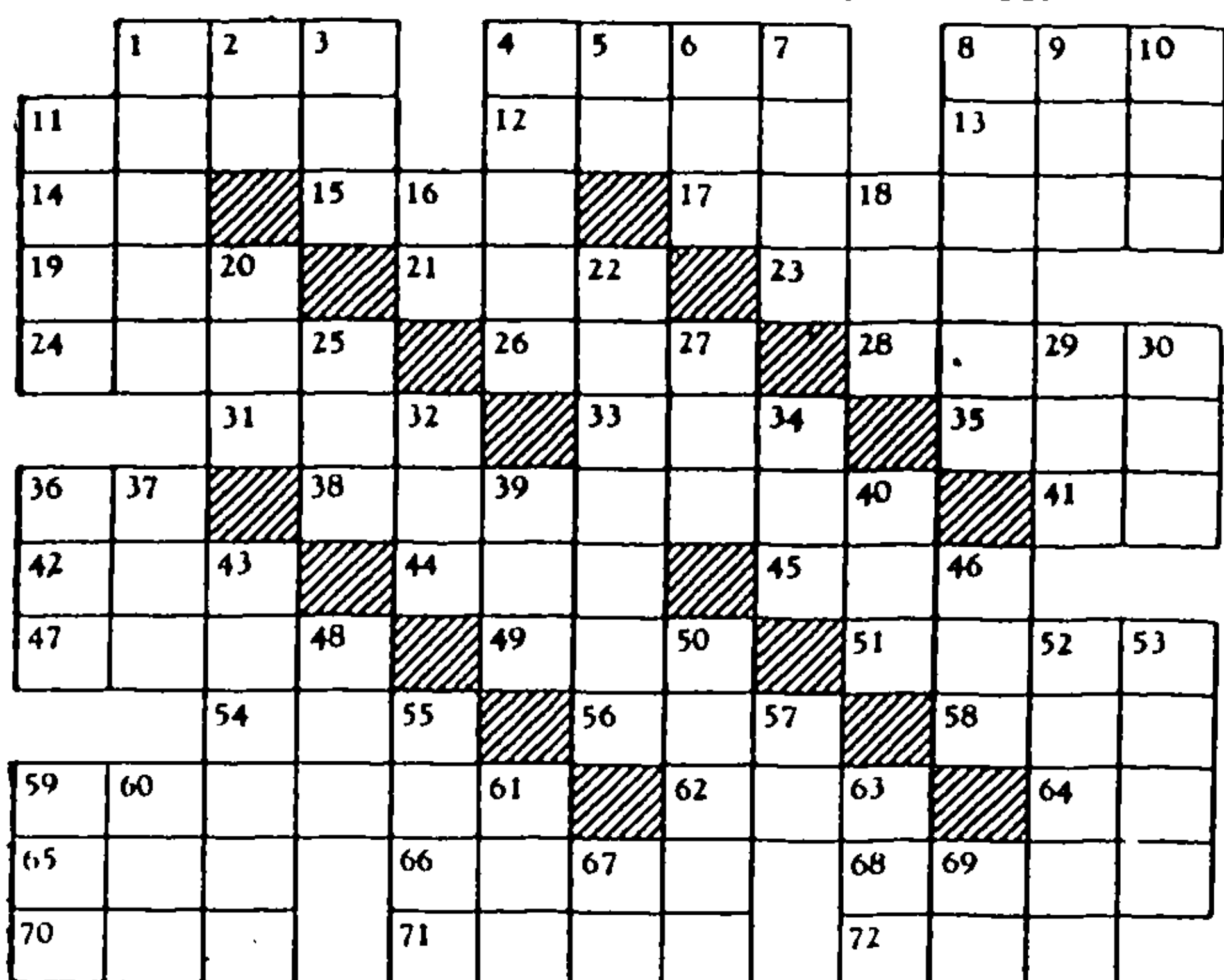
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### HORIZONTAL

- 1 Unhappy
- 4 Golden
- 8 To imitate
- 11 Part of a church
- 12 Part of the eye
- 13 Uncooked
- 14 French article
- 15 High priest
- 17 Quick look
- 18 Lout
- 21 Poisonous snake
- 23 Silkworm
- 24 Goddess of discord
- 26 Period of time
- 28 Reverberation
- 31 Butting animal
- 33 Southwestern Indian
- 35 Melody
- 36 Colloquial: father
- 38 To pardon
- 41 Pronoun
- 42 Aged
- 44 Insect
- 45 Crow-like bird
- 47 To venture
- 49 Indo-Chinese tree
- 51 River-duck
- 54 Chalice
- 56 To attempt
- 58 Holland commune

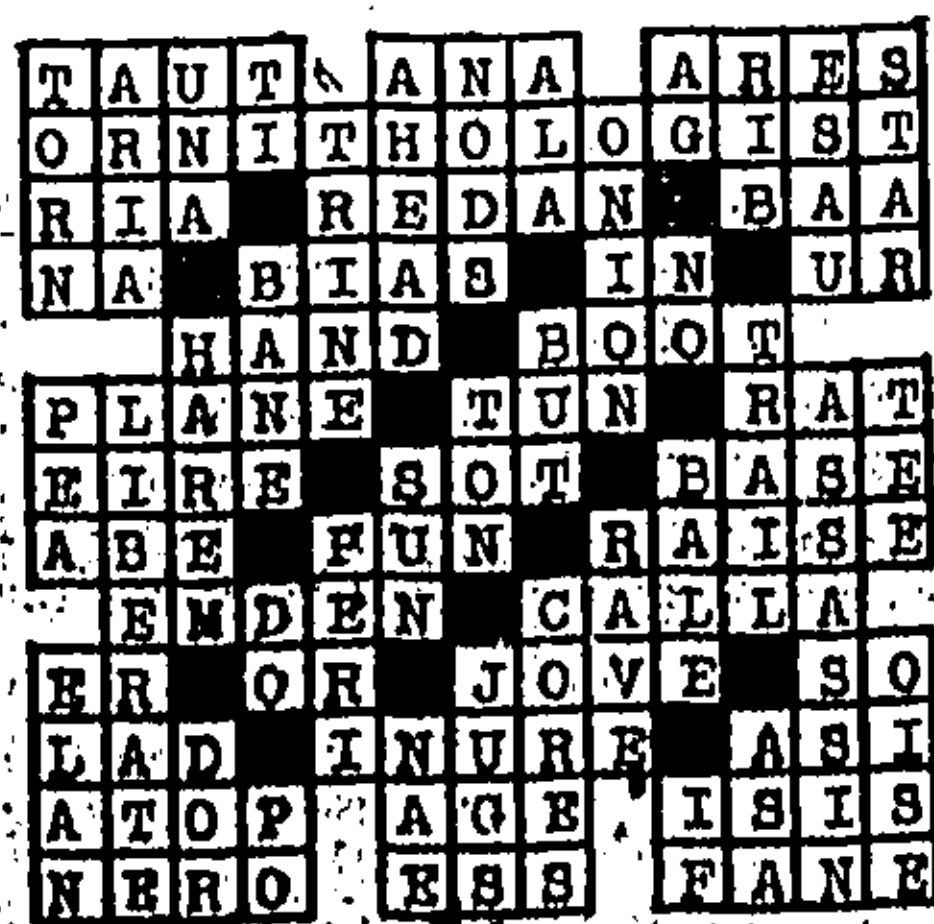
### VERTICAL

- 2 Poetic: above
- 6 Colloquial: mother
- 65 Back
- 66 Pile
- 68 Eager
- 70 Mineral
- 71 Eastern university
- 72 Trap
- 1 Lance
- 2 Because
- 3 English river
- 4 Aspect
- 5 Four
- 6 Limb
- 7 Story
- 8 Counter
- 9 Irritant
- 0 Moccasin

### 10 Female sheep

- 11 Fibre plant
- 16 Note of scale
- 18 Part of "to be"
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# Nazis Face Tough Proposition

THE GERMAN ATTACK ON CRETE, WHICH BEGAN JUST BEFORE DAWN YESTERDAY MORNING AND WHICH WAS PREFACED ON MONDAY BY A HEAVY AIR BOMBARDMENT, HAD BEEN EXPECTED, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF MAJOR-GENERAL FREYBERG, V.C., AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, TOGETHER WITH REINFORCEMENT OF THE DEFENCES AND MANPOWER, WERE INDICATIONS OF ALLIED PREPAREDNESS.

Crete is a considerable menace to the enemy because of its proximity to the mainland, but its capture will prove extremely difficult.

Lacking sea power, Germany must rely on air-borne troops, lacking landing grounds—the island is very mountainous—Germany must rely on parachute troops.

Use of engineless gliders, which can land more easily on uneven ground, was a surprise move, but the defenders were not caught unawares.

The British and Allied forces are assisted in the island's defence by the warlike Cretan hillmen, whose womenfolk even are accustomed to the constant necessity of fighting to protect their homes.

Led by 'The captains of the Hills,' such as Captain Holy George, who had killed 10 men when he was still only nine years old, and the thrack-bearded giant Captain Tan, the hillmen are banded together armed chiefly with knives and swords.

THEY CONSTITUTE A FORMIDABLE 'HOME GUARD' AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, AND CAN BE RELIED UPON TO DEAL WITH ANY NAZI PARACHUTISTS UNFORTUNATE ENOUGH TO FALL INTO THEIR HANDS. — REUTER.

## CONFIRMED AS GOVERNOR OF MALTA

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR WILLIAM GEORGE SHEDDEN DOBBIE, KNOWN AS THE 'MODERN GORDON' OWING TO HIS RELIGIOUS FERVOUR, HAS, THE COLONIAL OFFICE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, BEEN APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF MALTA.

Sir William has been administering the Government of Malta since he assumed command of the troops in April, 1940, with the exception of a short period in May, 1940, immediately before General Sir Charles Bonham-Carter left the colony. — Reuter.

## HUSBAND APOLOGISES IN COURT

PRIVATE JAMES IVOR JAMES, 'C' COMPANY, MIDDLESEX REGIMENT, WAS SUMMONED BEFORE MR. H. C. MACNAMARA THIS MORNING FOR BEING PERSISTENTLY CRUEL TO HIS WIFE SINCE JULY LAST YEAR.

Mrs. Julie James, 101, Taiipo Road, said that defendant had a bad temper. Since July last he had treated her very badly, frequently assaulting her.

They received no marriage allowance, so she was obliged to work as a stenotypist at the Y.M.C.A. She worked also in the A.R.P. Department. Sometimes she came home very late to find her husband waiting impatiently for her. He often refused to return to the Barracks. When witness urged him to go back, he accused her of trying to get rid of him so as to meet another man.

Mrs. James declared: 'All sufferings can easily be tolerated if my husband would only cease beating me up.'

Pte. James admitted that he had a quick temper and was jealous. Addressing his wife he said: 'I hope you will forgive me for what I have done. I promise to treat you well from now on.'

The case was adjourned sine die.

## OFF TO AMERICA

Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, new American Minister to Australia, left for the United States at 8.45 o'clock this morning by the China Clipper.

## ROOSEVELT STATEMENT OF "SOME GRAVITY"

President Roosevelt is expected to make a statement "of some gravity" to the nation this week, says Reuter from Washington.

## NO SPECIAL MESSAGE

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DOES NOT EXPECT TO SEND ANY SPECIAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

He announced this at his press conference yesterday, thus disappointing upwards of 100 journalists present. They had jammed the President's office for what was expected to be a momentous conference, in expectation of an indication from the President of "a big decision." — Reuter.

## INCIDENT ON BUS

A C.N.A.C. pilot, Chan Moon-fun, 30, and his wife, Chan Fun, 23, appeared before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson this morning, the wife charged with alighting from a moving bus and the husband with assaulting the bus driver.

Sgt. I. Jack said they were passengers on bus No. 846 yesterday evening. First accused alighted and fell.

The husband ordered the bus to stop and after helping his wife boarded the bus again, and gave the driver a blow on the mouth.

First accused had her bail of \$5 estreated when she failed to appear. The pilot was fined \$10.



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## THE ODDS

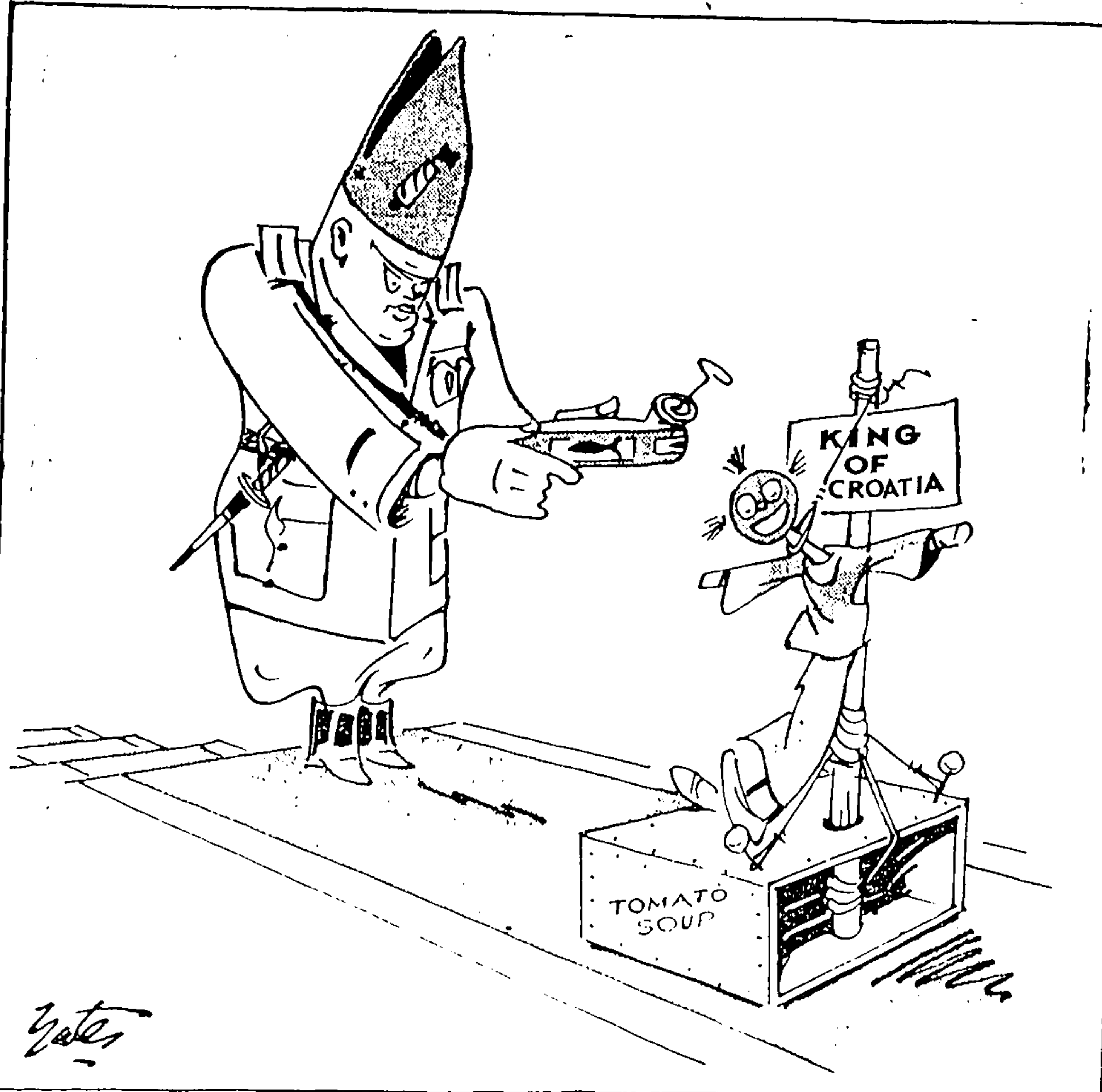
If words and preliminary actions mean anything—which they do not always to Japanese statesmen—the time is ripe for a further word of warning to Japan before she commits herself to a course from which there can be no withdrawal. The strength of her ties with the Axis have in the last two or three days been ostentatiously advertised. Mr. Matsuoka has been responsible for further threats, and the anti-British campaign has been revived. The attacks on Britain concentrate upon the allegation that the restrictions imposed upon supplies to Japan are a deliberate attempt to strangle the economic life of Japan. It is well-known, of course, that those restrictions are those rendered necessary by (a) our own priority of need and (b) by the open hostility of Japan, which makes no attempt to disguise her efforts to supply Britain's enemies with raw materials which, engaged as we are in a life and death struggle, we are determined must be cut off.

The new note that has lately appeared in Japanese official comment and in the inspired Press, that these restrictions, which do not prevent ample supplies of necessary materials for her own use reaching Japan, are so vexatious as to justify aggressive action against Britain, powerfully suggests that the development of a new crisis may not be far off. At the moment, the objective may possibly not involve anything more serious than a futile attempt at intimidation. It arises from the complaints of Japanese industrial leaders, who are pressing strongly for abandonment of the dangerous allegiance to the Axis, in the sense that Tokyo hopes to calm the Japanese business world by frightening Britain into a reversal of policy.

It should be broad enough hint to a Japan thinking for herself and not a subservient tool of Hitler, that if it can be suggested, in all seriousness, that the insignificant pain inflicted by British trade restrictions, do injury to Japanese economy, her plight would be increased not tenfold but a hundredfold should she have inclination towards provoking an open conflict. Trade figures tell the plain story that a pros-

perous future for Japan can only be assured by maintaining friendly relations and free intercourse with the democracies.

There seems to be some impression in Tokyo that the United States would stand aside, a neutral spectator. It is true that America will not be willingly provoked; any more than will the British Empire. But Washington's warnings have been explicit and continuous and have only been intensified by recent developments. Japan must take her choice with a shrewd notion on what the odds of American entry will be.



BOYS WILL BE BOYS!

## Obeisance To Pudding

By  
Ivor Brown

It is one of the oddities of English life that a nation which has in fact been especially rich in the quick genius of poets and wit, and as famous for the dash of its seamen as for its speed on horse and foot likes to think of itself chiefly as lethargic and solid, trusty but ponderous. The eighteenth-century idea of a sturdy but slow John Bull was allowed to obscure the memory of the Elizabethan sailors who, in their lighter craft and with nimbler faculties, had outmanoeuvred the heavy galleons of the duller-minded Don.

So the notion of the beevish Briton, and of the gallant but pudding-headed heavy-weight began to win the general assent.

Salad and eggs and lighter fare  
Tune the Italian spark's  
guitar.  
And, if I take Dan Congreve  
right,

Pudding and beef make Britons  
fight.

To what extent this rhyme of Prior's forecast the rival dietaries in North Africa, 1941, is uncertain. Only those who have dined in the desert know the menu, but if General Wavell's army has indeed been regaled with pudding and beef, these articles appear to afford no obstacle to extreme mobility, nor do they hamper a knack of mixing the temper of a Prince Rupert with the speed of a Rolls-Royce.

At any rate, on the home ground pudding has recovered its position on the national diet sheet. Britons lately were tending to eat pud-

ding less and less, after their meat and cheese more and more. The Victorian gentleman had a sweeter tooth and an ampler capacity. "To dine off chops and roly-poly pudding with avidity" was the happy habit of the "pushing young particle" in "Patience." Chops—note the plural—and roly-poly. The self-indulgent wretch may even have had cheese as well. He would not have deemed himself to have dined without some sugary and farinaceous "follow" to his meat. The American of to-day sustains our Victorian tradition and usually adds to the meat dish of his midday meal a substantial slab of "pie," possibly heaped with ice-cream as well. It is not that he eats more, but he has the sweeter taste and lacks our interest in cheese and savouries.

This addiction to "pie" and similar kickshaws was surely willing in British middle-class life. The men had lost the craving for cakes and milky dishes, and the women, since they were slimming, viewed the succulence of steamed suet or the layer of pastry and the jug of cream with horrified alarm; reluctantly, perhaps, but none the less resolutely, they averted the watering mouth. The taste for a savoury and astringent article was overcoming the appetite for rich and lush refreshment. Pudding was more and more left to the nursery. Its suavity as well as its bulk had become the enemy. I do not say that this was a righteous judgment. Many despised ingredients of the pudding tribe, like tapioca, have a distinctive, subtle, and by no means sickly flavour. But they won a bad name at school, where they were often vilely cooked, and nothing needs more perfect preparation than a milk pudding.

But now, with cheese so scarce and with many other elements of a savoury scarcely more common, the pudding reasserts its claim. If there be no meat course to precede and no "closing rites" of cheese thereafter but only some trifling fillet of fish, then pudding in the grand manner is of obvious value, especially if the wind be cold. The poor man of old might cosset himself with pudding only on Sunday:

One solid dish his weekday meal  
affords,  
An added pudding solemnised  
the Lord's.

Not long ago, far up in the Pennines, I heard a Manchester man, whose thoughts ran deeply on nutritive matters, say of a fam-

ous haunt of the city's carnivores, "I hear they're serving Welsh Rabbit instead of meat on two days a week." The tone in which he gasped out this appalling news suggested that darkest night had fallen upon Irwell's banks and that chaos had come again to all the Chorltons, whether on Medlock or cum Hardy. Doubtless the famous house is providing some robust puddings to fill in the corners. Now, I fancy, some chop-fallen men, who disdained of old the solid allure of a Baked Albert Roll, may have become eager addicts of that massive and glutinous confection. Such are the results of "wars, horrid wars."

There can, while any ingredients remain, be no difficulty about supply of British puddings. Our native cookery books abound with names and notions of puddings, with the courtly and consequential names as well as with the comic and plebeian ones. Who could not be impressed by a pudding called Sir Watkin, which seems to sing from the menu, like any Gilbertian peer, "Bow, bow (as well as stodge) ye lower middle classes?" Who, on the other hand, could not be impressed by the humility of "Amy's Crumb Pie?" On the august side are Queen's, Cabinet, and Diplomat; on the commoners' bill of fare are the Roly-poly and the Spotted Dog.

Pudding began, it is true, in a meaty way. It was the happy aggregation of the butcher's bits and pieces, nothing so magnificent as steak and kidney, but more of the haggis kind—and has not haggis been accurately as well as wittily described as "all of the sheep except the mutton?" But later on pudding achieved its progress from the liver and lights to the fruit and sugar. It became, in the majestic English of the Oxford English Dictionary,

a preparation of food of a soft or moderately firm consistency in which the ingredients, animal or vegetable, are either mingled in a farinaceous basis or are enclosed in a farinaceous crust, and cooked by boiling or steaming. Preparations of butter, milk and eggs, rice, sago, and other farinaceous substances, suitably seasoned and cooked by baking, are now also called puddings.

You may gather from that how posterior, and even inferior, are the puddings abominably known as "sweets." For my part I refuse utterly to apply the word "sweet" to anything but confectionery. Let fruit be fruit and pie pie. Spotted Dog, Sir Watkin, Baked Albert Roll—are these monsters and notables to be fobbed off with the petty title of "sweet?" Here's outrage indeed. "Sweets" to the sweet, but not to the sensible. If we are going back to pudden, let the dull thud of that tremendous title be properly regarded and preserved.

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# No Solution Yet Of Zamzam Mystery

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

**THE FATE OF THE steamer "Zamzam,"** a neutral vessel flying the Egyptian flag and bound from the United States for Africa with 203 passengers and 120 crew, appears to be developing into one of the war's major mysteries.

First news of the ship, which left Pernambuco on April 9 for Capetown, came from Cairo, where the vessel was stated to be overdue and "must be considered lost."

Yesterday, official American circles announced that the "Zamzam" was safe, but German announcements, possibly propaganda designed to impress world opinion with Nazi naval control of the South Atlantic, continue to claim that the vessel has been sunk.

Yesterday, Berlin announced that the "Zamzam" was sunk by a Nazi surface raider, "for carrying contraband," and added that "all aboard are safe in a French port."

Carrying the story a bit further, Berlin added that 24 American Red Cross personnel on board the ship "will be released soon." Berlin did not say anything of the other 114 Americans, including 35 children, on the ship.

## War Purposes

The German statement was coupled with a warning that American ships must not sail to the Red Sea other than in prescribed areas.

Germany's contraband list covers almost everything which conceivably could be used for war purposes, including ambulances and trucks, which the "Zamzam" carried in considerable number.

## A Mine?!

Reports reaching London from Berlin say the Germans are now circulating reports that the Zamzam was sunk by a mine.

It is pointed out, however, that if she went down in the deep waters of the South Atlantic, it is extremely unlikely that mines would have been encountered there, in any case, if she did strike a floating mine or one that had broken adrift, how did the Germans know about it?

On the other hand, this part of the Atlantic is known to be frequented by German pirates and her sinking by torpedo is much more likely. — International News Service and Reuter.

## TRIBUTE TO FORTITUDE OF LONDON

Admiration of the spirit of the British people under suffering was expressed by Mr. John J. Winant, U.S. Ambassador to Britain, opening a hospital in the East End of London yesterday.

Mr. Winant said: "I have seen for myself the fortitude with which the people of London bear the worst that German air raids can do."

"I have talked to them in the early hours of the morning and marvelled at the cheerfulness of those who have suffered and lost much that is dear to them. I am learning more and more that behind this indomitable spirit of London and Britain there is a sure system of civil defence."

"You who work untiringly for the protection of others and are helping London to take it, are doing much for victory."

The hospital, which is for working men whose wives have been evacuated, has been completely equipped with money collected in the United States. — Reuter.

## RELEASE OF WAR PRISONERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
The release of 100,000 French war prisoners, first tangible sign of the new Franco-German "collaboration," involves officers and men who served in the last war as well as the current conflict.

This is expected to be followed by the gradual release of further batches of 1,800,000 prisoners taken by the Germans when they swept through Flanders and north France last summer.

This measure is also believed to be the first of a series relaxing the restrictions imposed on France by the armistice terms. — International News Service.

## LEASE OF SCHOOL TO POLICE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
With a lone staff member left in charge of the deserted buildings, arrangements are being made to lease the grounds of the Shanghai American School to the French police. There are no signs that the school will reopen in the autumn, as American children have evacuated. — International News Service.

## DOCTRINE OF FUTURE EUROPE

"The doctrine of the future Europe consisting of five or six federated blocs working together, and working in such a way that no one bloc would ever be in a position to achieve hegemony in Europe, was very well received in America and was found to be highly reassuring."

General Sikorsky, the Polish Premier, who has recently returned to Britain from the United States, made this statement yesterday.

General Sikorsky discussed with President Roosevelt this plan to ensure a peaceful and prosperous Europe, and General Sikorsky says America is deeply interested in after the war reconstruction of Europe.

He also told a reporter "All official matters which I went over to raise have been satisfactorily settled."

"In Canada we have signed several agreements of a military as well as a financial character, as a result of which, within a month or two, military camps will be in being in Canada." — Reuter.

## Patience Urged

"Within the next week the success or failure of the negotiations in Batavia will probably become clear," declares the Tokyo "Asahi Shimbun" this morning.

The newspaper counsels Japan to "hold on to patience and prudence, since the question of establishing a co-prosperity sphere all over East Asia is essentially of a peaceful nature."

It urges, meanwhile, that the Netherlands East Indies reconsider its policy "to cope with the swiftly changing situation in the world." — Reuter.

## RESCUE UNDER FIRE

During operations in Iraq, a naval aircraft which had been damaged while taking part in an attack on barracks at Samawa had to make a forced landing three miles south of the town and was quickly surrounded by members of Raschid Ali's forces who opened fire.

Other naval aircraft which had observed this incident promptly landed and rescued the crew without casualty in the face of armed opposition and once more took to the air. — British Wireless.

## BRUTAL ATTACK FOR \$5

Five dollars, in cash, was the only loot which three robbers, armed with a single chopper, obtained after attacking men in a hut in Tsun Wan New Territories, at 2.30 a.m. to-day.

The men entered the hut which was occupied by two persons, brother and sister, but was challenged by the brother, who was brutally attacked, following which the men searched the sister and relieved her of the money.

Twenty-five cases of tuberculosis, eight of dysentery, four of cholera, and one each of diphtheria, enteric fever and measles, were notified to the Health Authorities yesterday.



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# JAPANESE CAMPAIGN AGAINST N.E.I.

"A GROSSLY inaccurate picture of the actual progress and subjects of the negotiations" is the comment of well-informed Dutch circles in London on the Tokyo spokesman's caustic comment on the fact that the trade talks between the Japanese and the Dutch in Batavia are hanging fire.

The comment of the "Yomiuri Shimbun" and the "Chugai Shogyo" alleging deliberate protraction of the negotiations, is equally condemned.

The Dutch East Indies, as part of the Dutch Empire, these circles point out, naturally has her vital interests involved in the war and looks to an Allied victory as the ultimate outcome.

Consequently, she can neither view problems which may give direct or indirect advantage to her enemy with equanimity, nor agree that these problems be called pretexts deliberately used for delaying the progress of the talks.

Japan cannot reproach the Dutch authorities, London circles recall that the first Japanese delegation arrived in Batavia on September 12, 1940. Its programme was solely concerned with oil products. Mr. Kobayashi, head of the delegation, left Batavia on October 21. The contract with the oil companies was signed on November 12.

Not until December 28 was the Japanese delegation, under its present leader, reconstructed, while the Japanese agenda for the negotiations was not submitted until January 16, 1941.

## Leadership Claim

Meantime, the conference was interrupted by an official Japanese statement which raised the question whether Japan's claim to leadership in East Asia included the Dutch East Indies. When relations had been adjusted, the parleys were energetically renewed in mid-February.

The last and final formulation of the Japanese standpoint — revised as a result of the parleys — was submitted on May 15.

In view of the above facts, already generally known from an earlier public announcement, it is considered astonishing that such a distorted version of the affairs should have been given in Japanese comment. — Central News.

## ARRESTED AFTER MANY DAYS

Mr. A. I. Cash, P.W.D., was complainant at the Central Magistracy this morning, against his cook-boy, Wong Kau, 32, who was charged before Major A. N. Macfayden with larceny.

It was alleged that accused stole £6 in notes, three bottles of whisky, one case of Ewo beer and twenty pounds of sheet brass, from Tytam Bungalow, between December last and March 31.

According to Sgt. Simpson, of Stanley, Mr. Cash found that £6 was missing from his dressing table. He questioned accused, who admitted the theft, but disappeared when Mr. Cash informed the Police. A check-up revealed that other articles had been stolen.

Accused was arrested yesterday working in Prince Edward Road. Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed.

## NO BOMBINGS UP TO 8 P.M.

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique yesterday stated: "Although there has been a little enemy activity over coastal regions to-day, nowhere have the enemy flown far inland. Up to 8 p.m. no reports have been received of any bombs having been dropped." — British Wireless.

## Great Emotion

The Rome correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten," writing of the Duke of Aosta, says: "The capitulation has caused great sorrow and profound emotion" in Rome.

Rome had hoped that the Duke's prolonged resistance would have prevented the British withdrawing troops for use in Libya.

However, according to the "National Zeitung," Berlin circles say the Duke's capitulation is unimportant because the main part of the British forces in Abyssinia had withdrawn long ago and sent to Libya and Iraq. — Reuter.

## RELIEF TO COST U.S. LESS

President Roosevelt has asked Congress for an \$886,000,000 relief appropriation for the year beginning July 1. This amount is \$109,000,000 below the estimate in the budget, says Reuter from Washington.

## DAMAGED HEINKEL FINISHED OFF

An Admiralty communique states: "On Monday night a Heinkel 111 was engaged and shot down off the East Coast by H. M. trawlers Tranio, Thomas Leeds and Stella Leonis. The enemy aircraft had previously been under fire and damaged by H. M. minesweeper Princess Elizabeth. No casualty or damage was sustained by our ships." British Wireless.

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Entries close at 12 o'clock, NOON on THURSDAY, 22nd May, 1941.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

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Hong Kong, 19th May, 1941.

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## BRIDGE NOTES

### READING THE BIDDING

#### By The Four Aces

The player who selects his opening lead after careful consideration of the bidding has a big advantage over the player whose opening lead is more or less automatic. For example:

West, Dealer

Both sides vulnerable

#### NORTH

A K 10 7

Q 6 5 2

5

K 10 6 5

#### WEST

8 4

A J 10 7 3

Q 9 2

A Q J

#### EAST

6 3

9

K J 10 8 6 3

9 8 4 3

#### SOUTH

Q J 9 5 2

K 8 4

A 7 4

7 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♥	Dbl.	2♠	2♠
3♠	3♠	4♠	Dbl.
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West's automatic lead would have been a diamond, and South would have won, drawn trumps, and lost a club and two hearts. The automatic lead, therefore, would have given South the game and rubber.

But West thought before leading. His partner had "run" from the double of one heart and had rebid diamonds later on. That sounded like long diamonds and very short hearts. The key to the best defence.

On this reasoning West opened the Ace of hearts and followed with the three of hearts. East ruffed, as expected, and correctly read the choice of West's lowest heart as indicating an entry in the lowest suit. East therefore returned a club to West's Ace and got another heart ruff to defeat the contract.

Note that if West had held the Ace of diamonds instead of the Ace of clubs he would have led the ten or Jack of hearts at the second trick. And the high heart would indicate an entry in the higher of the two side suits.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

Q J 10 8 4 2  
J 10 6  
A 4  
7 5

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	Maler	You
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♠	Pass	(7)

ANSWER: Bid six spades. The Slam should hinge on a finesse at the worst, since partner's bidding must be based on an unusually strong hand, well fortified with Aces.

Score 100% for six spades, 50% for pass.

### Question No. 721

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

K J 9 7  
A J 4  
K 10 5 3  
A 10

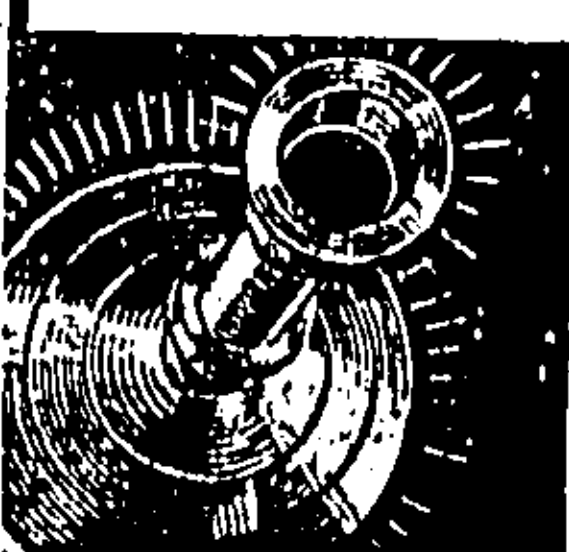
The bidding:

Maler	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♠	(7)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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## CHINA FIRE MEETING

# HAZARDOUS TO MAKE ANY PREDICTIONS ON FUTURE

THAT THE SCARS left by the collapse of the China dollar had not yet been obliterated, nor could be anticipated for some years to come, was the view expressed by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, this morning.

Those present included: the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, (Chairman), the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, P. H. Suckling and S. T. Williamson (Directors), Messrs. D. V. Stevenson, D. Huang, M. H. Turner, J. Fleming, S. H. Ross, H. B. Wilmer, P. Tester, and M. H. Lo, (Shareholders), and F. C. Hall (Secretary).

The Chairman, at the outset, explained that the delay in holding the meeting was entirely due to the late arrival of returns without which it would have been impossible to complete the accounts in anything like their customary form.

"Further," he said, "I wish to express the regret of the General Managers and Consulting Committee at the resignation of Mr. J. H. Tarrant in his retirement from the Colony owing to ill-health. Mr. Tarrant served on the Committee from July, 1933, and his valued support and advice were constantly at our disposal. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing him a speedy recovery to health. I am pleased to inform you that Mr. P. H. Suckling has accepted our invitation to fill the vacancy on the Committee."

### Satisfactory Outturn

"The outturn of the Company's working for the year 1939, which we now place before you, is quite satisfactory and, out of its immediate predecessor from the place of fifth best account by a short head or about \$500. Premium shows a drop of two lakhs, and a comparison of ratios with 1938 is as follows:—Losses 40.14% as against 45.91%, Charges 42.44% and 40.15% leaving a balance of 17.42% as against 13.94%. No change took place in the rate for Sterling Exchange which remained at 1/25d.

"Exchange between Shanghai and Hong Kong continued its downward trend from 310 on December 31, 1939 to 415 which was the rate current at the end of last year. To-day it is hardly necessary for me to reiterate how adversely our figures have suffered as the result of the disastrous vagaries of China's currency.

"The balance at credit of 1940 Working Account after twelve months is \$741,199.92 an increase of \$87,603.10 on that for the year 1939 at the same stage. Although this makes an excellent showing, I would caution you against taking too rosy a view about the final outcome.

Losses are heavy as is taxation, which latter must necessarily be expected to increase during the present state of world affairs. By this time next year we shall have undergone a very material plucking and, for my part, I shall be well satisfied if we are left with as substantial a final balance as that for 1939, which the Accounts before you now disclose.

### Interest Income

"You will probably have noticed the serious shrinkage in income from interest and were it not for the general excellence of the Account for 1939 and the carry forward for Account 1940, your Committee would have been doubtful of the wisdom of recommending a distribution on the same scale as last year. The reasons for this fall in interest are not hard to seek, the rates at which we were previously able to employ our funds being now almost halved.

"The surplus to be dealt with is \$669,935.45—the balance of 1939 Account—and we recommend the payment of \$11 per share, absorbing \$440,000 and the appropriation of the residue of \$229,935.45 to Reinsurance Fund.

"A review of the Balance Sheet will show that while all our Reserves are in healthy condition, the scars left by the collapse of the China dollar are not yet obliterated, nor can this be anticipated for some years to come. You will notice an increase in the amount at credit of Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account, this being due to the uplift in values of our Investments at the end of last year. It is to

be hoped that such a condition of affairs will continue, though there are some signs of wilting in the prices of our local securities.

### The Future

"I trust you will approve if I don't talk about the future, these being times when it is unwise to hazard an opinion on any subject for more than a few hours ahead. At the moment all looks well with the Company and in saying that I tell you but as much as the Consulting Committee know themselves.

"I trust you will approve the final grant of a bonus to Members of the Staff of 15 per cent on their Salaries, men on service to be included. They have worked well during the past year under conditions of considerable pressure and I consider this gratuity has been well earned.

"I feel assured of your approval of the donation of \$25,000 to the 'South China Morning Post' Bomber Fund which was made last June and has been debited to the 1940 Account. With your agreement, we propose to donate a similar sum out of the current year's funds to help the Bomber Fund's second year.

Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr. S. T. Williamson were re-elected as Directors.

## MODERATE STOCK MARKET TURNOVER

Turnover on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was moderate. Industrials encountered selective buying for investment with further enquiry for textile preference issues. Shipping shares continued the upward trend, chief interest being centred in Indo-China Deferred, which advanced from 95/- to 102/6. Gift-edged securities showed fractional losses. Foreign issues were mainly firm; Japanese bonds attracted more attention as did certain Argentine issues. Kaffies were firm. Wall Street was lethargic. (Reuter.)

## RICE SITUATION IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai's rice situation is no longer a problem, with hoarders unloading stocks at prices below the Council's limit.

The Special Branch of the S.M.P. is investigating complaints that retailers are selling an inferior grade at the Council's price of \$110 per picul. — International News Service.



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## POLICE MANHUNT IN N.T.

SENTENCE OF 10 MONTHS' HARD LABOUR WAS PASSED ON MOK MAN AND HO LAM, BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ARTHUR MACGREGOR, AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS THIS MORNING. WHEN FOUND GUILTY OF POSSESSION OF A RIFLE AND 32 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION AT TAI SHEK KOK, NEW TERRITORIES.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Counsel, prosecuted. The jury was composed of Messrs. I. Gardner (foreman), H. A. Waller, I. F. Xavier, Yao Tien-ming, Leung Wing, Leung Sik-hong and J. H. Lao.

Mr. Abbott said that on April 26 a party of police went from Castle Peak to Lung Ma Tan and a quarter of a mile from Tan Shek Kok, near a collection of boulders, disembarked. The party split into two sections, one under 1/Sgt. Cheong On. The Police saw a boat with four men near by. Two of them dashed away, while two stayed behind.

One of the two men who ran away was seen to be carrying what appeared to be a rifle. Both disappeared in the undergrowth.

Sergeant Cheong On went after the two that ran away. In a cove, he found a rifle and 32 rounds of ammunition which fitted the rifle. After searching for 20 minutes, one of the police party shouted that he seen a man hiding in the boulders. The man was arrested. He was first defendant.

When charged, both defendants admitted knowledge of the rifle and ammunition.

### MARINE COURT

Li Shing, steersman, was this morning fined \$30, or 30 days' imprisonment by Commander T. C. Stiff, at the Marine Court, for anchoring in the Tathong Channel Minefield.

For towing three junks, each carrying a cargo of over 1,500 piculs, Lee Shing, coxswain of the steam launch "Chung Wo" was fined \$10, or 10 days' imprisonment.

## Break Up Your Child's Cold.

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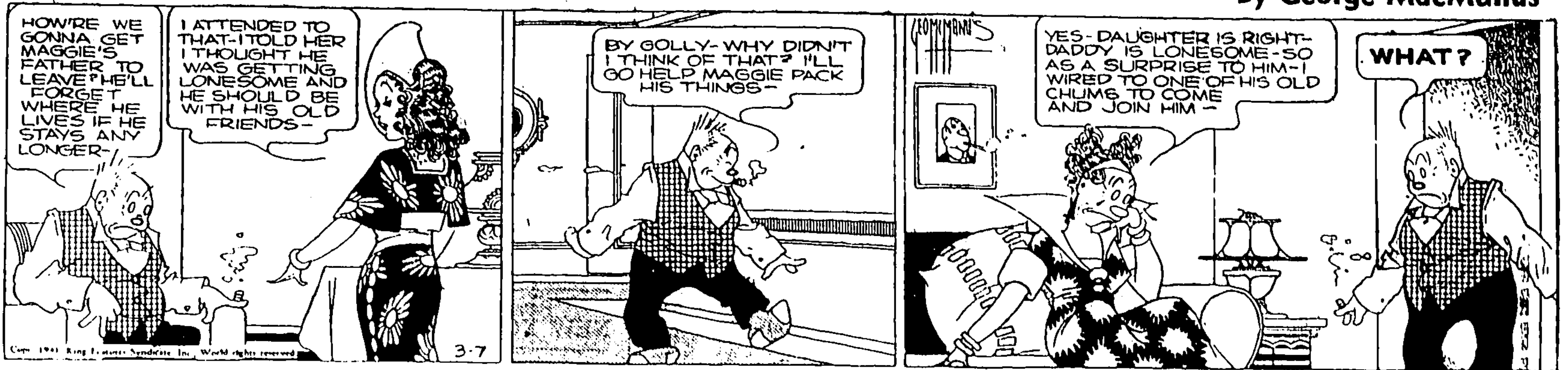
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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Harbingers Of New Season

We want to smell nice as well as look nice in this hopeful new season. Fragrances and spring blossoms go hand in hand, naturally, so all the perfumers present their rare and tantalizing mixtures for our selection. Some are old, old favourites, getting scarcer than better each year, that the war raging, and others are new ones in new dyes.

It would be a sad day if women had to be denied their toilet water, cologne, perfumes and scented soaps and sachets. We have grown to think of fragrances as necessities, they are no longer luxuries. But fortunately they have a wide price range and even the most limited beauty budgets can embrace one bottle at least.

As flowers are so much the theme this spring many girls are buying a fragrance which may be a floral print, or a pure rose, or a lily, or all the beauty of a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Well, remember that these fragrances are not just for the nose, but for the heart, too. They are joined into a new, so-called "perfume" of a fresh summer print. What could be more in keeping than to wear white hyacinth perfume when you wear the blossoms?

### Keep Perfume Fresh

When one wears perfume during the day or evening, one should keep it fresh. By that I mean a used fragrance is as unattractive as tired make-up. When most of the fragrance has evaporated into the air, whip out of your purse a little air-tight vial and apply some fresh fragrance. Most all of the favoured mixtures may be purchased in a large quantity for your dressing table, and in a tiny



From her blossom-trimmed evening purse this lovely belle takes her nifty straw-covered vial of perfume to freshen her radiance.

vial or even a special purse-vial for your purse.

Some women can "hold" a scent much longer than others. This is because skin chemistry differs

with each individual. There is one exquisite perfume which will hang around me for hours, once I atomise it onto my person carefully, but it is the only one that does so. Other brews (which are just as rare as the one I mentioned) leave me in from two to three hours after application. But that doesn't stop me from wearing them—for I carry my purse bottle along.

### Perfume Back Of Neck

When you apply perfume do not forget the back of your neck! That may sound foolish but it isn't. Many many people walk in back of you, or stand in back of you and if perfume is placed in back of your neck they get the lovely aroma. Also as you pass people the air will carry that fragrance to them and thus you radiate a most alluring personality! Floral fragrances are favoured for spring—especially for daytime wear—and there are some very, very lovely new ones waiting to give your nose a treat!

Movement 1. Stretch that heel and straighten that leg! You will not be able to do it for at least ten days unless you have been exercising regularly.

Lower the leg slowly and then stretch the right leg up in the air. Repeat ten times. Increase four times each day.

### Second Part

The first movement probably pained you enough, but in case you think you are ready for reducing exercises try this. After getting your left leg stretched up in the air as in movement one, stretch it across the body as shown in Movement 2. KEEP YOUR SHOULDERS FLAT ON THE FLOOR AND YOUR KNEES STRAIGHT. OUCH! Golly does that hurt! Well I will leave you with these two movements to practice for fourteen consecutive days!

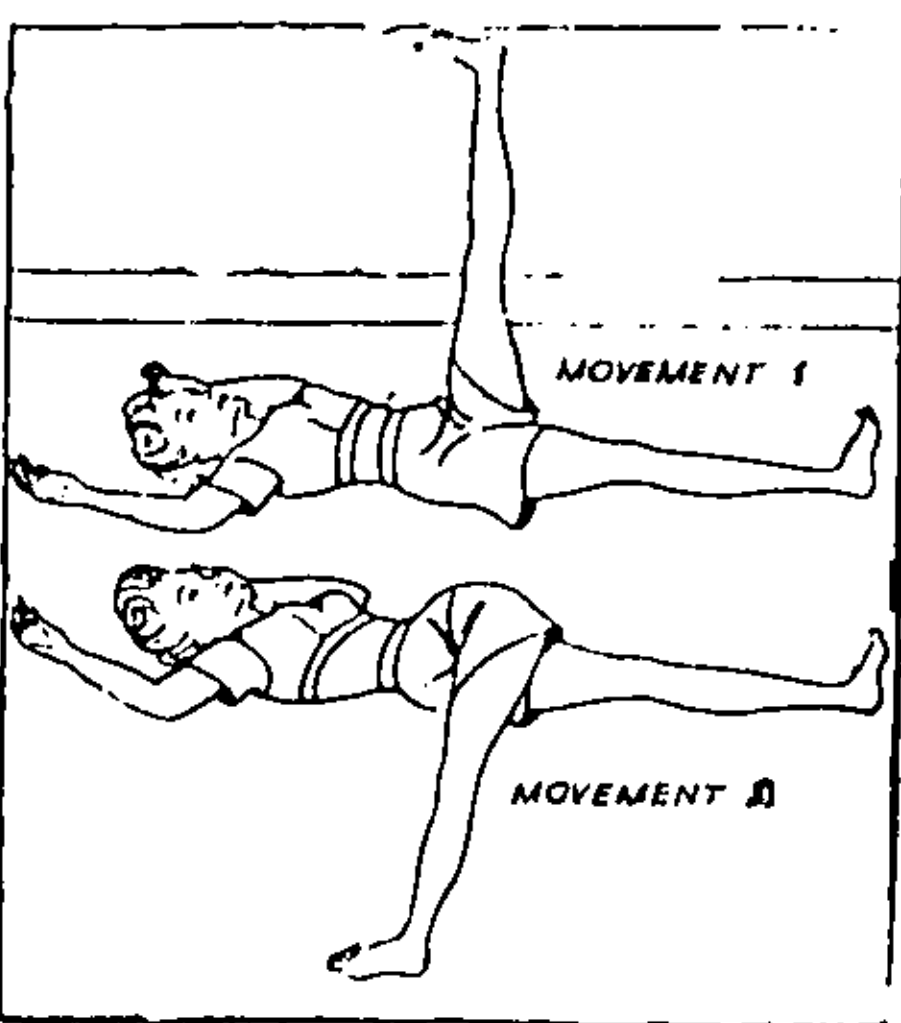
## Stretch Before Exercise

Exercise never hurt any woman if she went about getting it sensibly. You hear tall tales about women who tried to exercise and almost killed themselves. The latest going the rounds is this one: "Well, this woman was fat and she wanted to exercise so she read about an exercise which told her to stoop down and pick up a lot of scattered goose feathers. She scattered the goose feathers, stooped and began to pick them up. Suddenly something snapped and she hasn't been able to walk since!"

Tut, tut, my dears, do not believe such stories. Shame on the lady if she allowed her spine to become so brittle and unused to doing its normal job that her sacro-iliac snapped out of joint the first time she stooped. That could have happened—if her body was in such a deplorable state of poor health—while she was stepping into a car, going to Church or just reaching for the telephone while she was eating chocolates in bed. It was due to happen when it did—it was only accident that she was trying to exercise!

### Limber First For Safety

The mistake many women make is a common one. They suddenly yearn to have a youthful figure so they tear into a reducing programme which should only follow, first a check up with their



doctor and then weeks of limbering exercises.

A neglected body requires kid-glove handling the first week or two. You must work up to a re-fashioning schedule of exercise. Stretch your legs, your arms, your middle, your neck, before you try to reshape them.

To test your stiffness, and to show you how much limbering you need, try this exercise. It comes from the famous Dorothy Gray Salon in New York, and is given to every applicant.

Lie flat on your back on the floor in very loose clothing. Stretch your heels downwards and point your toes to the ceiling. Your arms are relaxed overhead. Now, without bending either knee the slightest, slowly raise your left leg up in the air as shown in

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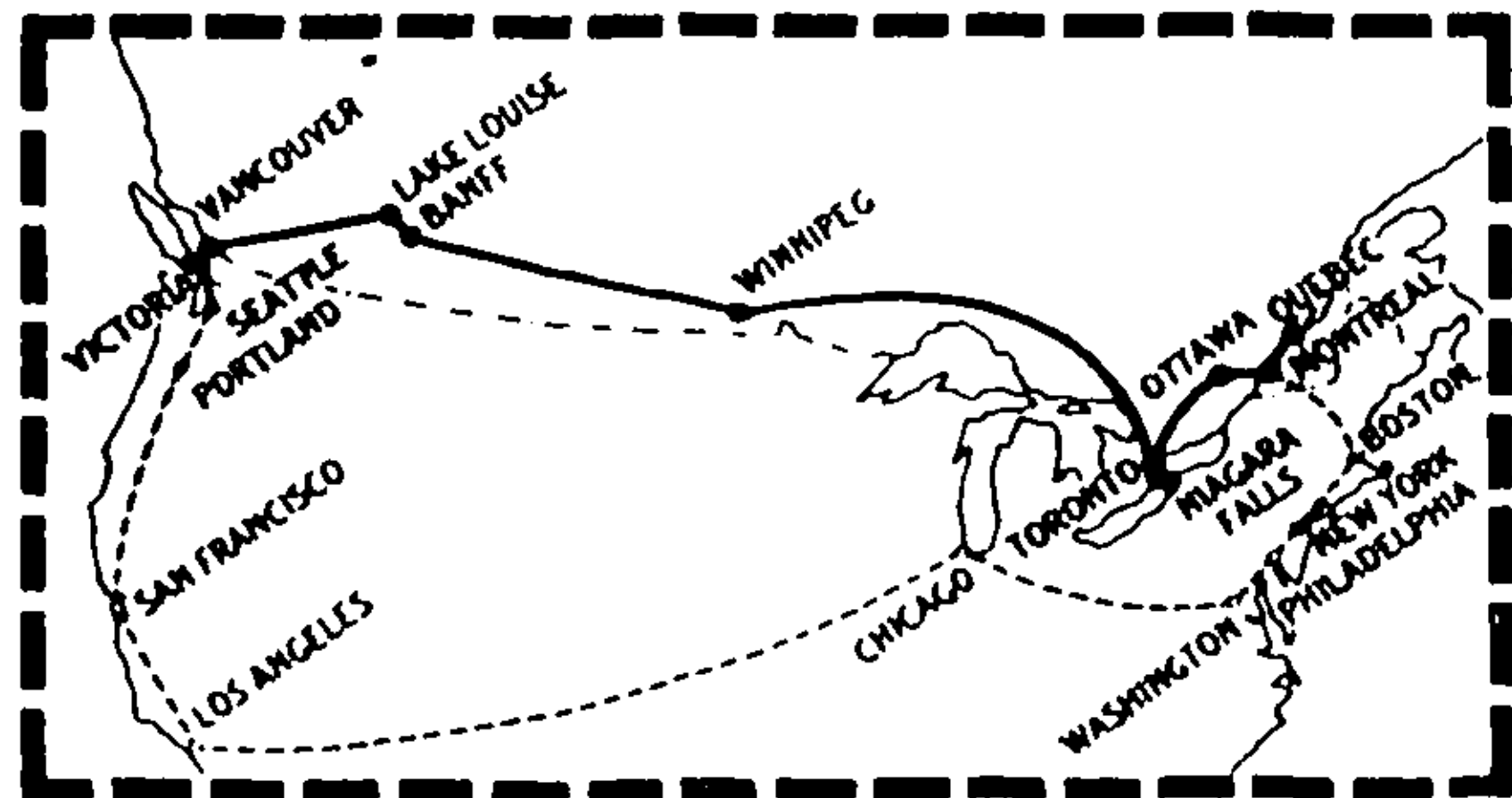
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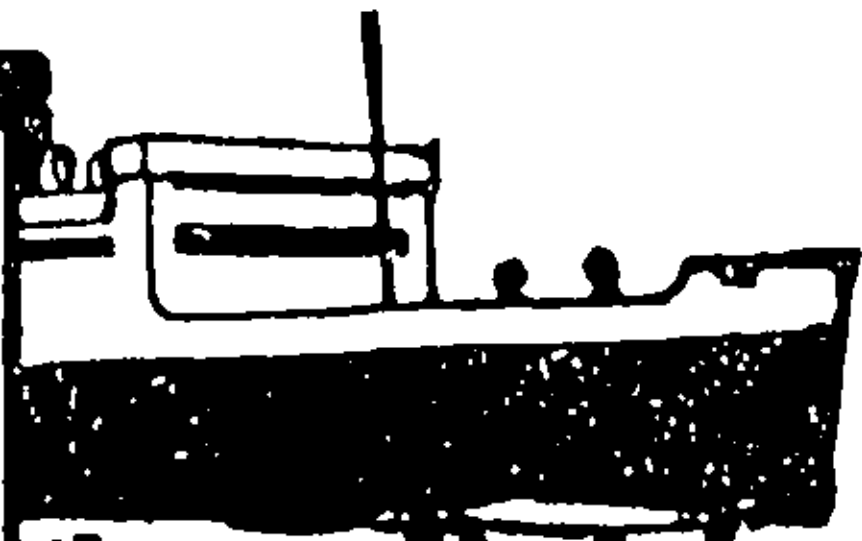
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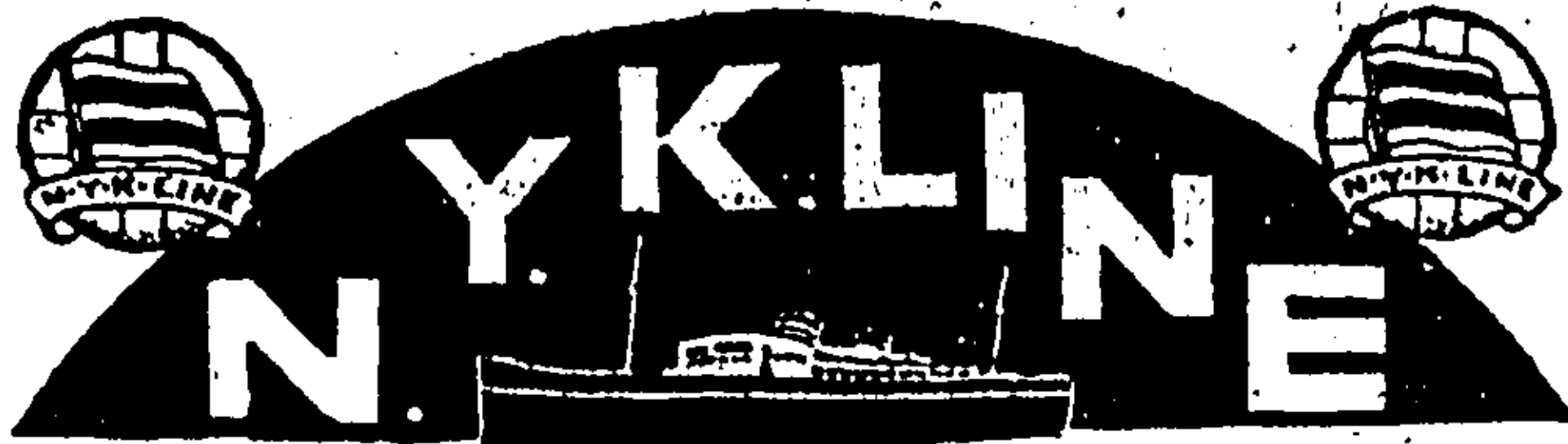


## RADIO

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.  
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
6.32 p.m.—The Hill Billies and the Lecuona Cuban Boys.  
Thar's Gold in Dem Thar Hills (Connor & Libbona); Headin' Home (film "Here Comes the Band")  
The Hill Billies with their own Novelty Accom. Rumba-Fox-Trot  
Coubanacan; Rumba-Blue Rumba  
The Lecuona Cuban Boys  
Pop-Eyed Pete (Kennedy & Carr)  
The Hill Billies with Novelty Accom. Rumba Colora; Rumba-Moon of Monte Carlo; Lecuona Cuban Boys Moonlight on the Prairie (film "Moonlight on the Prairie"); Home on the Range (arr. Ted & Ezra). The Hill Billies with their own Novelty Accom.  
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".  
7.30 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.  
A Country Girl: Selection (Monckton)  
London Theatre Orchestra Les Cloches de Corneville—Vocal Gems (Planquette) Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.  
Lilac Time Selection (Schubert, arr. Bert & Clutsum) Harry Davidson (Organ). "H.M.S. Pinafore" Selection (Sullivan). The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.  
8.02 p.m.—Liszt—Dante Sonata Louis Kentner (Piano) and the Sadlers' Wells Orchestra.  
8.18 p.m.—Cello Solos by Beatrice Harrison.  
Benedictus (Mackenzie). Adoration (Borowski) with Organ accom.  
Elgie (Delius) with Orchestra.  
8.30 p.m.—Studio—"Some British Poets" No. 1 Gray. Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.  
8.50 p.m.—Eric Coates—Summer Days Suite. Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by the Composer.  
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.  
9.15 p.m.—Compositions of Johann Strauss.  
The Gipsy Baron Overture The Symphony Orchestra, Village Swallows from Austria. Waltz March Weber & his Orchestra. The Sun et's Joy French Polka Symphony Orchestra, Wm. Women and Song Mavis Bennett (Soprano) with Orchestra. Artist's Life Waltz March Weber & his Orchestra, Thunder and Lightning Polka Boston Promenade Orch.  
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).  
9.45 p.m.—Humorous Variety.  
Vocal Duets—Tricky Little Tune (McGill). A More or Less Volga Boat Song (McGill). Major and Minor with Orchestra Comedy Sketch—Sandy the Detective (Powell Thomson). Sandy Powell and Company Vocal—They're Always Together (Crumit & others) Frank Crumit with Orchestra.  
10.00 p.m.—French Variety.  
La Polka du Roi (Trent), Le Grand Cafe (Trent) Charles Trent (Vocal) and Orchestra Tarentelle d'un Soir; Paso-Doble—Manola ma Brune Accordeoniste Deprince & Orchestra Ballade (Jambian & Delettre) Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra. Moi, J'suis pas Comme Ca (Gardont). Jean Cyrano (Vocal) with Orchestra. C'est la Valse Amoureuse (Himmell) Accordeoniste Deprince with Orchestra. Ne Dis Pas Toujours (Lenoir). La Barque d'Yves (Tranchant) Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra.  
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.  
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

## Y.M.C.A. WORK FOR R.A.F.

The Duke of Kent yesterday visited Y.M.C.A. Headquarters in London as Chief Welfare Officer of the Home Commands of the R.A.F. to convey the thanks of the R.A.F. for urgent needs met by the Y.M.C.A. at isolated stations in all parts of the country, particularly during the last difficult ten months.—British Wireless.



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England's Most Popular Best Seller, the Air Ministry's Account of the great days between August 8th and October 31st, 1940, tells the story of one of the greatest battles in history, the more dramatic as it was fought high in the clouds over the Southern coast of England. Here is the third instalment of "THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN."

# HURRICANES AND SPITFIRES STAY

## The Official Account

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What did the enemy succeed in accomplishing in just under a month of heavy fighting, during which he flung in squadron after squadron of the Luftwaffe without regard to cost? His object, be it remembered, was to "ground" fighters of the Royal Air Force and destroy so large a number of pilots and aircraft as to put it, temporarily at least, out of action. As has already been made clear, the Germans after their opening heavy attacks on convoys and on Portsmouth and Portland, concentrated on fighter aerodromes, first on or near the coast, then on those farther inland. Though they had done damage to aerodromes, both near the coast and inland, and this put the fighting efficiency of the fighter squadrons to considerable strain, they failed entirely to put them out of action. The staff and ground services worked day and night and the operations of our fighting squadrons were not, in fact, interrupted. By the 6th September, the Germans either believed they had achieved success and it only remained for them to bomb defenceless London until it surrendered or, following their pre-arranged plan, they automatically switched their attack against the Capital because the moment had come to do so.

Those days saw the climax of the first half of the battle. As they drew to a close, Goering's position became not unlike that of Marshal Ney at Waterloo when at 4.30 in the afternoon he flung 37 squadrons of Kellermann's Cuirassiers, backed by the heavy cavalry of the guard against the hard pressed British squares. Napoleon was unable to find the necessary support and Ney's efforts were made in vain. Goering may perhaps have been in the same position, though the attacks of the Luftwaffe continued to be pressed hard throughout September. Maybe Goering had made up his mind to attack targets more easily reached than were our fighter aerodromes. Maybe he was merely working to a time table. Maybe he thought our fighter defence was sufficiently weakened. What probably happened can be conveyed by a simple analogy. Imagine a game which involves knocking down a number of objects such as Ninepins or Skittles, in so many turns. The player has worked out a detailed scheme for attacking these by stages. The first two or three shots, however, result in misses and a prudent man would pause to reconsider his policy at this point. Can he pursue his scheme and still win or must he abandon it and try another? But this player, Goering, is so certain of winning that he goes on without stopping to think whether or not the preliminary shots have been successful. Suddenly he realises that, with only one or two turns left, he cannot possibly win on the lines of his prearranged scheme and makes a desperate effort to knock down the whole set in the last few shots. This may be no more than speculation. The facts are that, on the 7th September, Goering switched his attack away from the fighter aerodromes on to industrial and other targets and began by making London his main objective.

### London Versus Goering

The attacks on London on the 7th September were made in two or three distinct waves at intervals of about twenty minutes, the whole attack lasting for an hour. Waves were composed of formations of from twenty to forty bombers with an equal number of fighters in close escort, additional protection being given by large formations of other fighters flying at a much higher altitude. Most of the German aircraft came over at heights above 15,000 ft. in sunny skies which made the task of the Observer Corps very difficult.

At this stage, too, the enemy's dive-bombers reappeared in attacks on coastal objectives and shipping off Essex and Kent. They were a diversion for they came over while the mass attacks by long range bombers were in progress. By night the Germans greatly increased their attacks by single aircraft. These made no attempt to hit military targets, but contented themselves with dropping their bombs at random over a large area of London.

All attacks, however, were in essence the same. Over came the German aircraft, in one or more of many formations already described. Somewhere between the coast and London, usually in Edenbridge-Tunbridge Wells area, but sometimes nearer the sea, the German squadrons were met by our fighters. Spitfires tackled the high flying fighter screen covering the German attack.

The Hurricanes which had taken off first engaged the fighter escort followed by other squadrons who went for the bombers. There were dog fights all over Kent. The air was for some minutes never for very long vibrant with machine-gun fire. People on the ground have described it as like the sound made by a small boy in the next street when he runs a stick along a stretch of iron-railings. As a background there was a faint roar of hundreds of engines which, on occasion, swelled to a fierce note as some crippled enemy fighter or bomber fell to the ground or made for its base, dropping lower and lower with Spitfires or Hurricanes diving upon it. Sometimes watchers, like those upon the keep of Dover Castle, would see a blue field of sky blossom suddenly with parachutes, as with white flowers. The warm sun of those superb September days shone on an ever-increasing number of the wrecked carcasses of aircraft, bearing on their wings the black cross of Prussia or the crooked symbol of Nazi power.

So numerous were these for a period over a fortnight, that more than two battalions of British Infantry from troops stationed in our Southern marches were required to guard them.

### The Last Throw

The attack on London and its environs was the crux of the battle. It continued with little respite from the 7th September until the 5th October and was a last desperate attempt to win victory. This could no longer be achieved cheaply for the Luftwaffe had already suffered terrible losses. But it might still be possible to destroy London and thus win the war. Despite the hard fighting of the previous month, the fighter defences of the R.A.F. were still fighting hard as ever. They had to be overcome before London could be placed at Hitler's mercy. Goering still believed in superior numbers. These would win the trick. They had brought him swift victory in Poland, Norway, the Low Countries, Belgium and France; they might still bring victory in Britain. He put forth all his strength in a final endeavour to knock down the ninepins at any cost. The Luftwaffe delivered 38 major attacks by day between the 6th September and the 5th October.

After battering away, morning, noon and night, throughout the September, against our inland fighter aerodromes, the German Air Force made a tremendous effort on the 7th to reach London and destroy the docks. 350 bombers and fighters flew in two waves east of Croydon up to the Thames Estuary, some penetrating nearly as far as Cambridge. They were met above the Capital itself. For the first time, since that September day, 1666, when Mr. Samuel Pepys informed the King at Whitehall that the City was on fire, Londoners saw flames

leaping up from various points in the crowded and dense y populated districts of Dockland and Woolwich, while from every German radio station, announcers broadcast on the action a running commentary in which imagination and wishful thinking were nicely blended. London did not emerge unscathed. Damage was inflicted on dock buildings, several factories, railway communications, gas and electricity plants. It was also inflicted on the enemy. 103 German aircraft were destroyed. These heavy casualties shook the German High Command, for though the attacks were renewed and continued, evidently all was no longer well. Still, the Luftwaffe persevered with great tenacity and courage, delivering heavy attacks on the 9th September, using on that occasion a number of four engined bombers, on the 11th when about thirty aircraft penetrated Central London, on the 13th and again on the 15th. Those who got through on the 11th were so savagely handled by our fighter defence, that losses among their crews were estimated to be no fewer than 250. On the next day, a single German aircraft penetrated the defence by the clever use of cloud cover and bombed Buckingham Palace in the morning. On the 15th September came the climax 500 German aircraft, 250 in the morning and 250 in the afternoon, fought a running fight with our Hurricanes and Spitfires from Hammersmith to Dungeness, from Bow to the coast of France. This engagement will be described in greater detail later. It cost the enemy 185 aircraft known to have been destroyed. Altogether between the 6th September and 5th October he had lost 883 aircraft.

It is not necessary to record in detail the rest of the fighting which endured to the 31st October. Enough has been said to show the nature of the German effort and our defence. There were, however, three more major assaults delivered on the 27th September, 30th September and 5th October.

Thus, between the 11th September and 5th October the enemy delivered some 32 major attacks by day. In all these, bombers were used and their escort fighters steadily increased in numbers till the ratio rose to four fighters to one bomber. Of these attacks, fifteen were made on the area of Greater London, ten against Kent and the Thames Estuary, six on Southampton and one on Reading. While these last attacks were well executed and pressed home those on London were less determined than in the opening stages of the battle. On many occasions the enemy jettisoned his bombs before reaching his apparent objective, as soon as he found himself in contact with our fighters. Throughout this period the bombing attacks were mostly made from a high level. To enable their bombers to reach their targets, the Germans sought to draw off our fighter patrols by high altitude rather than by geographical diversions. High bombers, closely escorted by more fighters, tried to get through some 6,000 to 10,000 ft. below.

### Success Of British Fighter Interception

As Autumn came on and the sky grew cloudier, the enemy began to make increasing use of fighters flying very high above the clouds. His most usual practice was to put a very high screen of these fighters above Kent, from fifteen minutes to three quarters of an hour before his bombers appeared. His object was evidently to draw off our fighters, exhaust their petrol and thus make it impossible for them to engage his bombers. Sometimes, however, the high flying enemy fighters appeared only a few minutes before

the bombers which were themselves escorted by other fighters. These escorts were normally divided into two parts—a big formation, above and on both flanks or in the rear of bombers, and a small formation the same level as or slightly in front of the aircraft they were protecting.

The enemy's high fighter screen was engaged by pairs of Spitfire Squadrons halfway between London and the coast, while wings of two or three Hurricane Squadrons attacked the bombers and their escorts before they reached the fighter aerodromes of East and South London. Other squadrons formed a third and inner ring patrolling above these aerodromes, forming a defensive screen to guard the Southern approaches to London. These intercepted the third wave of any attack and mopped up retreating formations belonging to earlier waves. The success of these tactics may be gauged by the number of casualties inflicted on the Germans. Between the 11th September and 5th October, No. 11 Group of the Fighter Command alone destroyed 442 enemy aircraft for certain. This was accomplished with a loss of 58 pilots, giving a ratio of 7½ enemy to one British pilot lost.

September came and went, and by the end of the first week of October, our aerodromes had recovered from the damage inflicted on them at the end of August and the beginning of September. The percentage of raids intercepted increased as did the casualties of the enemy, while our own steadily decreased. Thus, on the 27th September, No. 11 Group destroyed 99 German aircraft out of a total for the day of 133 for the loss of 15 pilots a proportion of 6½ to 1. Three days later, when 32 enemy aircraft were destroyed, the proportion rose to 16 to 1 and, on the 5th October, only one pilot was lost though 22 enemy were shot down. Many times, one aggressively-led squadron was able to break up enemy bomber formations. On three occasions, a lone Hurricane, flown by a Sector Commander, was successful in causing the enemy to drop his bombs wide of the target. The brunt of all this fighting fell to No. 11 Group. This group was reinforced, when necessary, by elements of numbers 10 and 12 Groups which were especially useful during the period of the heavy attacks on London.

How hard fought was the battle, can be seen from the fact that from the 8th September to the 5th October inclusive, 3291 day patrols of varying strengths were flown and from the 6th October to the last day of that month 2786, making the total for these 55 days 6077.

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## BASEBALL

# TULSA TOPPLED FROM LOFTY PERCH BY H. B.

## South China Narrowly Beaten By Mindanao

### Moy Impresses In Local Debut

By "Grandstand"

DISPLAYING PENNANT-WINNING form, the H.B. dazzling diamond artists toppled the U.S.S. Tulsa from their lofty perch by 10-4 in a pre-season friendly tilt last Sunday, which featured former pitching ace Madeen "Slim" Arculli's initial mound performance for H.B. this season.

Arculli went the route for the H.B. nine and fanned six, whilst walking four, while Tulsa chucker McClanahan whiffed four and passed four before he was lifted in the fifth to be replaced by Stockton who accounted for three H.B. via the strikeout route in the last two frames. Arculli was miked for seven safeties, McClanahan yielded eight safeties during his mound tenure, and Stockton doled out one hit, which went for a three-bagger.

Blanking the Tulsamen in the first frame, H.B. jumped into a flying start with a trio of counters on Dave Leonard's first hit, coupled with three miscues and a brace of passed balls. Terry fanned the breeze in the next Tulsa frame, but Guinn slashed out a triple and Gerry Germonito dumped one which had hurler Arculli handcuffed for a perfect double steal set-up, but Guinn tell in'o the old catcher-to-short-to-catcher play for the second erasure. George Souza's expensive tumble of Bolo Osajac's roller was the beginning of a three-run splurge for the Tulsamen to knot the count three-all.

Bunching up four hits in a row, the Brewer Bombers produced three Clies in the third to take the lead again, whilst another cluster of three runs on a three-hit barrage in the next stanza put them ahead once more. George Souza, who had remained hitless all morning, slammed out a rousing triple, and romped over the pay-off station with the clincher when hurler Stockton threw one into the dirt.

The Ushermen scored once more when Ginger Guin singled, pilfered second and was pushed over the pan by Gerry Germonito's timely blow.

With the bases loaded with Tulsamen in the last chapter, Guinn could only pole out a long fly into the waiting hands of "Cyclone" Bakar in deep right for no gain.

#### Ali's Perfect Batting

Hank "Showboat" Ali wielded his willow for a perfect 1,000 with two singles in both his batting chances, whilst Dave "Bam" Leonard, batting in the clean-up slot, connected safely three in four times to chase in three of his



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mates, Gerry Germonito eluded safely two in three for the Mighty T.

Guinn and Souza both slammed out triples, whilst the other extra-base knock was batted in by Tulsa third-sacker Skapie Maxie Maxwell.

A freak double-killing occurred in the fourth chapter, when the base-paths were clogged with Brewers who had only one out. Baby Abbas stroled up to the left side of the platter full of Ruthian intentions, but hurler McClanahan had other ideas!

Jumping away from the first pitch which went behind him, Abbas forgot to take his bat out of the way, and before astonished Abbas knew what had happened, the ball was trickling in the infield, for a perfect Terry to Simmons to Germonito twin-killing.

#### Powlawski In Top Form

In the afternoon the Mindanao nine, last season's flag-winners, took a 4-1 verdict from the South China squad. Mindanao manager-pitcher Powlawski, the Pulversung Polack, was in top form as he accounted for eight Nam Hwamen via the strike-out route with his greased lightning tosses, and only walked one on balls, whilst Chinese pitching discovery Kenny Moy, former Shanghai mound artist, limited the powerful Mindanao sluggers to only seven bingles in spite of the scratchy fielding behind him.

The sailors drew first blood when they broke into the scoring column in the third frame, Ski Powlawski chasing Ruel in on a double, whilst Tony Muscavage pushed the Polack across on a single, and rounded all the bases himself on an outfielder's error. All three tallies were chalked up after two outs.

For four chapters Powlawski had the Chinese hitless and runless. In the fifth, Nelson Ma pickled one over right-gardener Kennard's head for an easy three-bagger, but was nailed at the plate by a mile when he attempted to stretch it into a four-master.

In the sixth the Chinese broke into the scoring column when Bab "Haw-haw" Strahl dropped an easy toss from Powlawski to give Wally Ching a life. Nip Lum grounded out to advance Ching, who scampered home for the only Chinese marker on a single by Hal Winglee to right, to save the Nam Hwamen from a whitewash. Young Kwan poled out a triple in the last semester but died on the sacks.

#### Germonito's Homer

In handing out a 25-0 calcimining to the Royal Engineers last Saturday, switch-hitter Gerry Germonito's base-cleaning four-master in the sixth was really unnecessary as the Mighty Tulsa were then 20 runs ahead.

S'rickland went the whole way on the hill for the Tulsamen and whiffed 11 for an up-to-date strikeout record this year, whilst Radcliffe, who pitched for the Sappers for one inning, was miked for six blows, walked one and fanned one. Heath also pitched for one frame, yielding five safeties and passing one, whilst Lefty Mike Sarsfield fanned one, but cracked up towards the end, and walked a total of nine Tulsamen for four chapters.

Blasting hurler Radcliffe for six safeties which produced eight markers in the first frame, the Tulsamen went right into the lead, which was further increased with two more clusters of five runs on three chances.

### ACCIDENTS AT THE VALLEY

By "Rapier"

Two accidents occurred this morning during the course of training at the Valley, but fortunately no injury of a serious nature developed as a result.

Mr. G. Trevorton, Private Secretary to H. E. the Governor, was involved in the first accident. He took out Atlas, an old Australian Subscription Griffin, for its exercise, and on reaching the distant post the pony suddenly became restless, and, taken by surprise, Mr. Trevorton was unseated. At first it appeared as if he was hurt, but when Major Hoag went to his assistance he got up and, after resting a while against the rail, he was able to return to the Jockey Room unassisted. He was not seen out again.

#### Trainer Thrown

The second accident occurred a short time afterwards, when Triumphant Day, belonging to Chau Bros., was taken out by its Chinese trainer, Ah Yee. On finishing its gallop, the pony collided with Blue Gown, ridden by Mr. Wong Yan, a Novice Jockey, at the seven furlongs post. The trainer was thrown, his head striking the ground, and had to be carried back to the Chinese Trainers' Room at the paddock. Triumphant Day was limping when it was caught.

### MORE TENNIS POSTPONEMENTS

There will be only two matches in Third Division of the Tennis League this afternoon, Club de Recreio and Hong Kong University meeting Army Tennis Club and Kowloon Cricket Club, respectively. The remainder of the matches have been postponed, owing, it is understood, to the unfitness of grounds.

Following have been chosen to represent Recreio:—F. J. Remedios and J. Fonseca; G. A. Noronha and H. A. Noronha; A. M. Silva and A. E. Noronha.

bunched up hits in the third and fourth to clinch the game.

Retired in one, two, three order, for the first two chapters, the Engineers put men on first and third in the next frame on two successive miscues by second-sacker Scott, but Harper was tossed out at the plate in an attempted double-steal to end the scoring threat.

In the same inning, Taylor beat out a roller for the first Sapper blow, whilst Heath belted a blooper in the last for the other hit earned off Strickland, who was in deadly form.

In spite of the strong opposition the spirit of the boys in khaki never flagged, and was right in there fighting for a tally until they fanned the breeze for the last putout to end the game.

The Canuckettes took the Standard Oilers 13-10 at Laichikok in a Softball picnic last Sabbath.

Mary Ng fanned six Pegasus-men, and walked none, but was charged with one wild pitch, whilst Lopes passed two, and To issued one free ticket to first.

Hits were shared equally, with the Maple Leafs nicking Lopes and To for 12 blows, whilst Mary Ng also yielded a round dozen safeties. Canuckette hindsnatcher Dot Louie paced the batters with a perfect three-in-three, whilst Chan and Marques both cuffed in three safeties apiece in their four times to the plate. Poon Ting-chun and Lopes both clouted homers for the Oilers.

The victors committed five errors, of which shortstop R. Louie contributed three in five fielding chances. To King-chi was the erring Pegasusman, booting

### JUNE TITLE FIGHT PRESSED BY NOVA.

IN KNOCKING OUT Max Baer, Lou Nova knocked Promoter Mike Jacob's Summer schedule askew, writes a correspondent from New York. Ray Carlen, who pilots Nova, was insistent that his boxer capitalise quickly on his decisive triumph, and his argument was so vehement and convincing that Jacobs beat a hasty retreat to St. Louis to think the matter over.

Feeling that too long a delay would take the edge off what he considers his best fighting form, Nova commissioned Carlen to ask for a bout with Joe Louis in June for the latter's heavyweight championship of the world. But Louis, already tentatively matched with Billy Conn for a June scrap, and Jacobs seemed determined to keep that match on his schedule.

#### Nova Spurs Conn

It had been Mike's plan to match Nova with the winner of the Louis-Conn struggle for a September meeting, but Baer's two-time conqueror would have none of that. Through Carlen, he pointed out that the articles for the Conn-Louis battle call for a return battle within nine days in the event of a victory for the Pittsburgh fighter, and such an eventuality would postpone Nova's opportunity at the title until next Spring.

On all sides the question has arisen, "Why doesn't Mike match Nova with Conn and have the winner fight Louis?" That seems the natural set-up, but it would be almost impossible for Jacobs to persuade Conn to give up his chance for the title to fight somebody else for the same chance. Nova, on the other hand, will not consider Conn as an opponent on the ground that the Pittsburgh fighter has done comparatively little to warrant such a battle.

Carlen made his demand for a bout with Louis with so much emphasis that Jacobs finally asked the manager to see him in St. Louis.

The promoter, if sufficient pressure is brought to bear on him, can scrap the Louis-Conn bout for June, inasmuch as official contracts have not yet been signed. Regardless of the opinions voiced by Conn and Nova, a meeting between them is the one that the average boxing follower wants to see and it would be not at all surprising if Jacobs brought them together two months hence.

#### They Sent Their Managers

Neither Nova nor Baer appeared at the Twentieth Century headquarters to pick up his check, which amounted to \$22,303 each. They left that task to their managers. The beaten Baer, who bears no man ill-will, made it a point to visit Nova at his hotel, and the pair spent a pleasant couple of hours. Baer congratulated his fellow Californian, but pointed out what he considered a few flaws in Lou's make-up. Max refused to announce his retirement, insisting he would be back in the picture after "six months in the sunshine."

The beaten boxer carried considerable evidence of his ordeal of the night before, the right side of his face being swollen to the size of a grapefruit and evincing a colour scheme in which an angry purple was the motif.

Jacobs declared that the crowd at the Nova-Baer fight was the largest ever to see a bout in the Garden. The figures revealed 22,114 tickets had been sold, and the promoter explained there were more than a thousand complimentary ticket-holders in attendance. These uncounted observers, according to Jacobs, raised the total considerably over the figure of 23,190, the record created by the Fritz Zivic-Henry Armstrong clash last January.

### BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for Saturday:—

**CLUB DE RECREIO**  
Recreio "B" will meet Recreio "A"—1st Division "B"—F. A. Machado, D. C. Alves, E. de Sousa and B. Basto (Skip); C. M. Silva, C. H. Basto, J. C. Remedios and J. J. Basto (Skip); C. Vas. A. F. Noronha, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Gutorres (Skip) 1st Division "A"—Joe Luz, C. E. Marques, H. A. Alves and C. G. Silva (Skip); L. F. Xavier, C. Roza Pereira, J. E. Noronha and F. X. Silva (Skip); F. X. Soares, C. A. Lopes, F. V. V. Ribeiro and R. F. Luz (Skip).  
2nd Division (v. H.K.F.C., Away):—E. L. Barros, H. M. Xavier, C. M. S. Alves and O. P. Remedios (Skip); A. J. Osmund, A. V. Barros, Fred A. Xavier and J. R. Soares (Skip); L. A. Rozario, F. J. A. Marques, C. C. Pereira and J. A. Remedios (Skip).  
3rd Division (v. C.C.C., Home):—C. F. Rozario, F. Sequeira, M. F. Pina and P. A. Yvanovich (Skip); A. A. Roza, E. Cunha, F. X. Monteiro and M. A. Carvalho (Skip); G. A. Pina, G. Ribeiro, M. Mendonca and M. Alarcon (Skip).

### BASEBALL TO START NEXT MONTH

The baseball League season will open on Saturday, June 7, probably on the Chatham Road ground.

#### Entrance Fees

Entrance fees will be \$50 per team. Members' and player's tickets will be issued as usual and intending entrants are reminded that they can recover the amount of their entrance fees by the sale of member's tickets issued by them.

Owing to the present unsettled situation, U.S.S. Tulsa, which has been admitted to the League, will be allowed to have U.S.S. Asheville substitute for them when they are away from the Colony with the proviso that, if both teams are here at the same time, they will not combine forces.

The following were elected officers:—

President:—Mr. B. C. Lawrence.  
Vice-President:—"Doc." Molt-hen.

Hon. Secretary:—Mr. Roy Lau.  
Hon. Treasurer:—Mr. H. A. Barros.

Committee:—Mr. J. Welford (Royal Engineers), Mr. P. K. Lau (Chung Wah), Mr. C. W. Wagoner (Hong Kong Baseball), Mr. H. Winglee (South China), Paymaster Usher (Tulsa), Mr. P. J. Tonnochy (Hong Kong Beer), Lt. S. Goodman (Mindanao).

#### WATER-POLO RESULTS

The following were the results of the European Water-polo League played yesterday:—Y.M.C.A. 5, Middlesex "A" 2; Signals 2, Navy "C" 0.



# THE SOLUTION TO MYSTERY OF ARSENAL SOCCER STAR

## Bryn Jones Grade Three To Medical Board

### Playing For Arsenal Does Not Pay

**BRYN JONES**, Arsenal's £14,000 piece of Soccer property and a Grade One star, is a Grade Three man. There I clear up much of the Bryn Jones mystery, writes Paul Irwin in the "Sunday Express." It is the reason why the Welsh wizard — the greatest thing on two footballing feet since Alex James — is not in the Army.

There are people who have slandered Bryn Jones. They have said that he has been dodging the Army. They have hinted that he is fit and strong. They have asked why this super star — a quicksilver performer able to stay ninety gruelling minutes in Cup or League stuff — has escaped the Service net at the age of twenty-eight.

So much for slander. Here are the facts as they came to me when I talked with Bryn in his father's home that clings to the face of the brooding mountain towering above Merthyr.

Listen to this. It is Bryn Jones talking for the first time on his Army medical examination.

"Am I dodging the Army?" Indeed I am not. What can I do if they are not wanting me? Back last June I registered with the twenty-sevens, and about three weeks later went down from Merthyr to Pontypridd for my medical examination.

"The doctors went over me about three or four of them. And they turned me down, put me in a low grade. What was it? Grade Three."

"Seems funny, I know. Yet there it is. Even when I was called back for another examination about a fortnight later the same thing happened. They didn't change the grade of my medical fitness."

#### The Silent Knight

Now Bryn Jones isn't given to long speeches. He's the Silent Knight of Soccerdom. The magic is in his feet and his quick, thrusting football brain, not his tongue.

Yet, stung by the bluntness of my questions, the words came tumbling like the Taft down there in the valley below his house.

"What can I do about it?" he asked. "All that's left is to wait until they do want men from my grade. They're calling up some of them now, aren't they? Well, maybe my turn will come."

"I am ready to go. I don't want to dodge the Army. Indeed, I have never wanted to dodge it. There was talk that I should try to become a P.T. instructor. It didn't appeal to me. Anyhow, how would they view a Grade Three man?"

I couldn't answer that one. But I could crack another question at the great little Soccer star, a question that Bryn Jones seized and shook and tore to shreds like a Welsh terrier.

"Tell me, Bryn," sez I, "tell me why you don't play for Arsenal these days? Here you are, turning out pretty regularly for Aberaman, a small-time Welsh club, while Arsenal want you."

#### Pay Is The Same

The dark, crinkly headed boy — and for all his twenty-eight years Bryn Jones still has the eager freshness of an up-and-comer — looked up sharply.

"I know what you mean," he said quietly. "They are saying that I don't want to come to London because of the blitz. Isn't that it? Ah! It is silly."

"Here's why I have been playing for Aberaman and not Arsenal. I have only to go over the mountains eight miles to get to Aberaman. I can leave Saturday morning and be in time for the match. It is different when Arsenal want me. There's the journey down the valley to Cardiff and the trip to town, which means leaving here Friday night and not getting home till late Sunday."

#### BOISSERIE IN HONG KONG

Alec Boisserie, former Shanghai Interport soccer player now stationed in Manila, is now in the Colony on a brief visit. Boisserie is the captain of the Manila Y.C.O. team which was recently involved in the riot that occurred during their game with the Hong Kong Eastern team, which was then on a visit to the P.I. Boisserie will be spending a holiday in Shanghai.

was back home helped him when he was playing with Aberaman. After all, the locals were telling me that Bryn "Our Bryn," they say proudly, was turning in games that really put him into his £14,000 class.

#### The Secret

"Yes, it helps," came the answer. "The secret is that I now have time to carry out things. There's not the thought of League points that may be lost if you do

#### FIRST C.B.C. POLO CLUB GYMKHANA

The Chinese Bathing Club will hold their first swimming gala of the season at their pavilion at North Point on Saturday, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

##### OPEN EVENTS

Following is the programme.  
Men's 200 metres Relay  
Ladies' 100 metres Free-style

##### CLUB EVENTS

Children 50 metres Free-style handicap  
Ladies' 50 metres Free-style handicap  
Men's 100 metres Free-style handicap  
Blindfold Race  
Ladies' 100 metres Breast-stroke  
Men's 50 metres Free-style Obstacle Race.

a thing wrong. There's not the same class up against you. You can do things standing still.

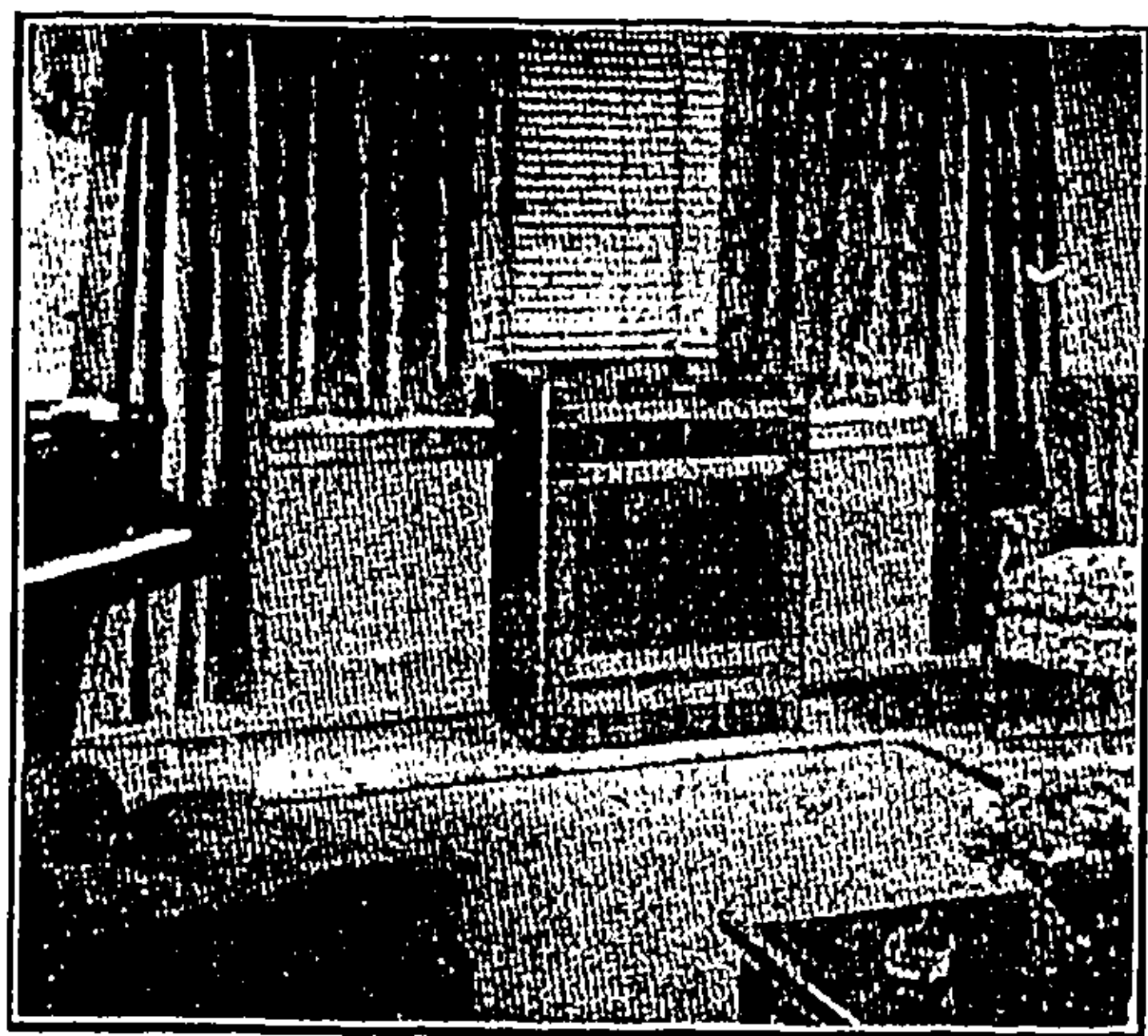
So I left Bryn in this home town. Left him to his long morning walks over the mountains in weather-stained flannels and sturdy brogues. "I keep fit that way" his lectures he attends with his cullies at the Penyard Social Settlement and to his memories.

The following is the list of entries, with the names of owners in brackets, for the "Show Jumping" competition of the H.K. Polo Club Gymkhana to be held at Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon, on Saturday, May 24.

"A" Class (China Ponies):—Canary (Capt. T. Whittaker), Darius (J. K. Bousfield), Double Chance (Capt. P. J. T. Skipwith), Herga (J. C. A. Gundersen), Lady Luck (Cottage Club), March Brown (W. T. Stanton), That's That (L. A. Lewis), Trojan (L. A. Lewis), Three Farthings (Mrs. J. Whittaker).

"B" Class (Australian Ponies):—Bingo (Mrs. P. J. T. Skipwith), Brutus (G. Treverton), Canberra Girl (Mrs. W. T. Stanton), Cape York (Dr. L. Reidy), Ruston (Cottage Club), George (Lt. E. A. Bompas), Horatio (G. O'Connor), King Solomon (Capt. A. Atkinson), Kiola (Capt. H. Marsh), Lady Precious Stream (J. R. Smith), Prince's Bridge (D. G. E. Middleburg), Queen Of Sheba (Capt. A. Atkinson), Spectrum (Mrs. P. J. T. Skipwith), Winter's Tale (Capt. F. S. Hancock), Barrah (Capt. E. J. A. Fielden).

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# VICHY AMBASSADOR IN U.S. LODGES PROTEST

## Quotes Armistice To Justify Landings In Syria

### NO ESSENTIAL LIGHTENING OF ARMISTICE TERMS

An official German communique regarding the Franco-German negotiations was expected to be issued last night, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

Berlin assures the German public that concessions made to Vichy will not cancel any essential parts of the armistice terms. — Reuter.

### N.Z. PREMIER REVIEWS TROOPS

The New Zealand Premier, Mr. Peter Fraser, yesterday reviewed New Zealand troops who had returned from Greece.

He declared "I know you are all ready to perform a similar task if called upon." — Reuter.

### LIMITED SYRIA INFILTRATION

About 50 German planes so far have crossed Syria it is believed in London, according to Reuter.

## Threatened Seizure Of French Ships

M. HENRI HAYE, Vichy Ambassador in Washington, yesterday protested to the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, against what he termed an "unfriendly gesture" by the United States in placing French vessels in United States ports under protective surveillance.

M. Haye told the press he discussed with Mr. Hull the entire question of United States opinion concerning France at the present time, since the French Government were amazed at the reaction in the United States to present events in France, particularly the progress of Franco-German "collaboration."

M. Haye emphasised that Article 18 of the Franco-German armistice stipulates that all French airports are to be under the control of Germany and Italy.

"THAT FACT HAS BEEN FORGOTTEN. IT WILL BE RECALLED," SAID M. HAYE.

He explained that under the armistice terms, German planes had a right to land on French airfields in Syria, and declared, "Any attempts to split the French people will fail," since there had been and would be "only one French nation, under our great leader, Marshal Petain."

### The Pledge

M. Haye continued: "We have pledged we are not going into the war but we claim the right of the French people to take what steps are necessary to meet our needs."

HE ADDED HE HAD REITERATED TO MR. HULL THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WOULD PROTECT ITS POSSESSIONS, SUCH AS MARTINIQUE AND DAKAR, AGAINST ANY ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THEIR SOVEREIGNTY. — REUTER

## Sheer Evasion

Commenting on the statement in which the French consul in Sydney, M. Lancial, deprecated "savage attacks upon Vichy" in connection with Syria, Sir Frederick Stewart, Australian Minister for External Affairs, said yesterday that it was sheer evasion to pretend Syria was powerless to prevent German planes using the aerodromes.

It was clear the French in Syria acted under Vichy instructions to place Syria at the disposal of the enemy.

Sir Frederick added, "Vichy's treacherous complicity with Germany is so manifest that French consular representatives in British countries would be best advised to exercise the greatest caution in their utterances and activities." — Reuter.

### TRESPASSING CHARGE

Charged with trespassing on Government premises, Wu Wai, 25, was fined \$10 or 14 days' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning.

Sergeant H. Goldie said defendant was found inside a classroom at Ellis Kadoorie School. He stated that he was looking for a student.

Many baskets and text books had been missed from the school recently.

### CONTROL OF U.S. SHIPPING RATES

The U.S. House of Representatives yesterday passed and sent to the Senate the Bill giving the Maritime Commission authority to control shipping rates, cargo, and voyages in the interests of national defence. — Reuter.

## DEMOS IN WARTIME

### Bill Passes All Stages

The new Fire Services Bill, bringing the nation's 1,400 separate fire brigades under a single control, was presented to Parliament last evening by the Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, and was passed without opposition through all its stages.

ONE OF THE BILL'S CHIEF RESULTS WILL BE THAT FIRE BRIGADES WILL BE REGIMENTED AS A REGULAR FIRE FIGHTING CORPS AVAILABLE FOR ANY EMERGENCY WHERE ITS SERVICES ARE MOST URGENTLY NEEDED.

Mr. Morrison pointed out that in this war fire was one of the enemy's principal weapons. In some of the bigger raids local fire brigades had been unable to cope with the ravages.

The new Bill, involving closer and still more efficient organisation and far greater mobility, will also call for considerable further recruitment of regular personnel.

### General Welcome

The Bill received a general welcome from the Commons, several

## GERMAN ATTACK SMASHED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The fall of Italy's last big stronghold in East Africa, Amba Alagi, was followed by the announcement in Cairo that a new attempt by two German-Italian armoured columns to invade Egypt was smashed.

British Imperial mechanised troops and low-swooping R.A.F. and South African bombers hammered the Axis columns back into Libya.

### Capuzzo Retaken

IT WAS ADMITTED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY THAT FORT CAPUZZO HAS BEEN RETAKEN BY THE GERMANS, WITH STIFF FIGHTING ALONG THE ENTIRE BORDER.

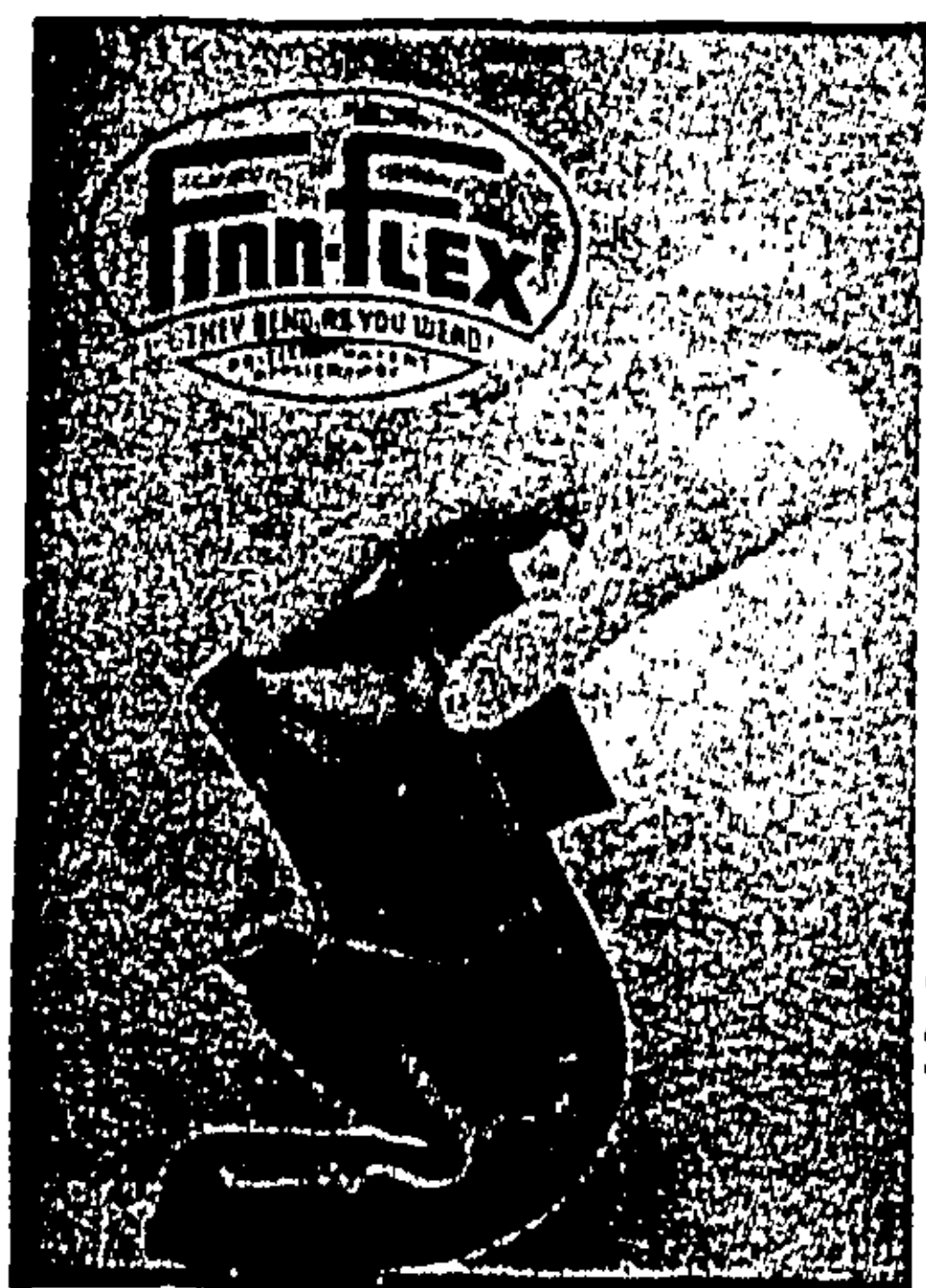
The Duke of Aosta has formally surrendered with 7,000 Italians and 30,000 native troops, and Italian abandonment of the Jimma area, where 15,000 troops are strongly entrenched, is expected. — International News Service.

members expressing surprise it had not been introduced earlier.

Lady Astor, who represents the Sutton division of Plymouth and who has had first-hand experience of fire raids, said she was horrified Government had allowed British cities and towns to be blitzed for six months before bringing in the Bill. — Reuter.

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